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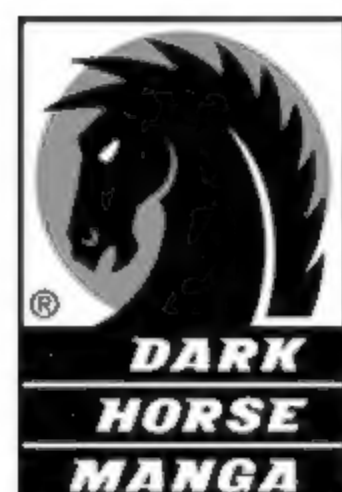
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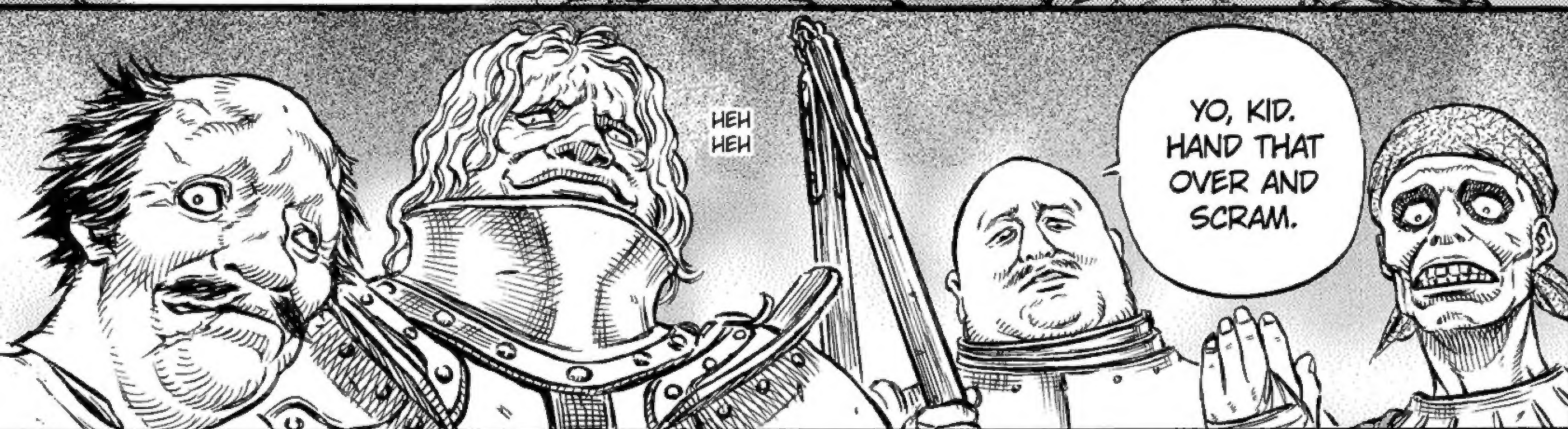
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CONVICTION ARC BIRTH CEREMONY CHAPTER KUSHAN SCOUTS, PART 1

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WHY DON'TCHA
TRY FINDIN'
YER OWN?!
GROWN-UPS
AIN'T SUPPOSED
TO STEAL
FROM KIDS!!
YOU MAKE
ME **SICK!!**

**TAKE A
HIKE!!**
THIS'S THE
ONLY FOOD
I'VE
MANAGED
TO GET IN
FOUR DAYS!!

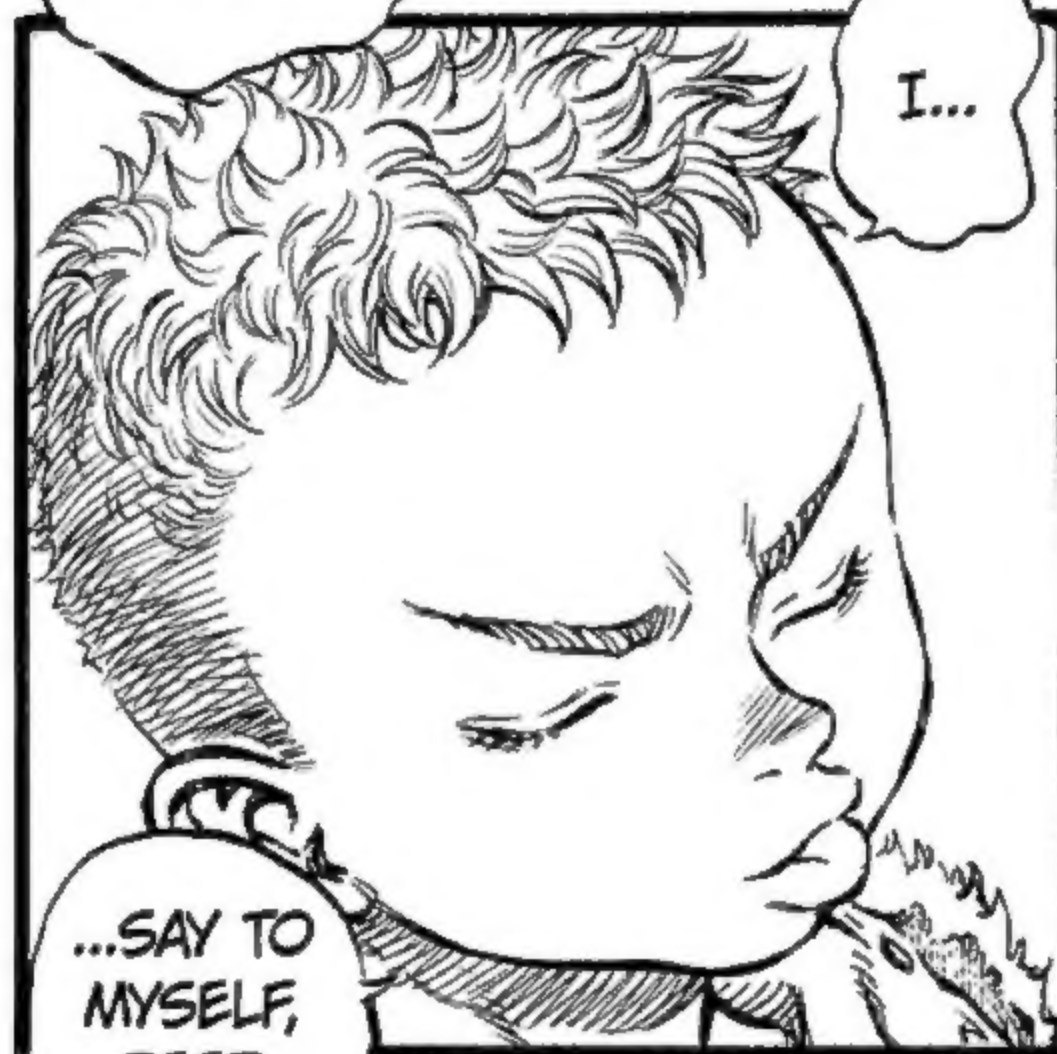




YOU
AN'
YER
BIG
HEAD
...

WHY DON'T
I MAKE SURE
YOU NEVER
BECOME ONE
OF THOSE
SICKENING
GROWN-UPS?
RIGHT HERE
AND NOW.
HUH, PLUNK?

...LOOKIN'
LIKE A
RETARDED
TODDLER!



I...

...SAY TO
MYSELF,
DEEP
DOWN.



...
...
...



*HMMM

THAT
FROM A
SNEAK
THIEF?



NOT BAD...
THERE'S
EVEN
LIQUOR.

F-
FOOD!

...



SEEIN' THIS MUCH FOOD
LEFT BEHIND, THE FOLKS
FROM THIS VILLAGE
MUST'VE *REALLY* BEEN
IN A HURRY TO LEAVE.

ALL
THANKS
TO THE
KUSHAN.



YEAH,
DON'T
SWEAT THE
DETAILS.
HERE.

I DON'T
WANNA
DIE
BEFORE
KNOWIN'
A
WOMAN.

I CAN
HEAR
YOU,
Y'KNOW.

ド#..

*FX: THUD

THOSE'RE
THE RATIONS
I SCRAPED
TOGETHER
TRYIN' LIKE
HELL TO
EVADE THE
KUSHAN.
AT LEAST
TAKE THE
TIME TO
SAVOR 'EM.



HEHEH...
IS THAT
SO?

UGH...!



ALL
RIGHT,
ALREADY,
JUST
GET...



IS IT
GOOD ?

YEAH,
BUT YOU
DON'T
GET ANY.

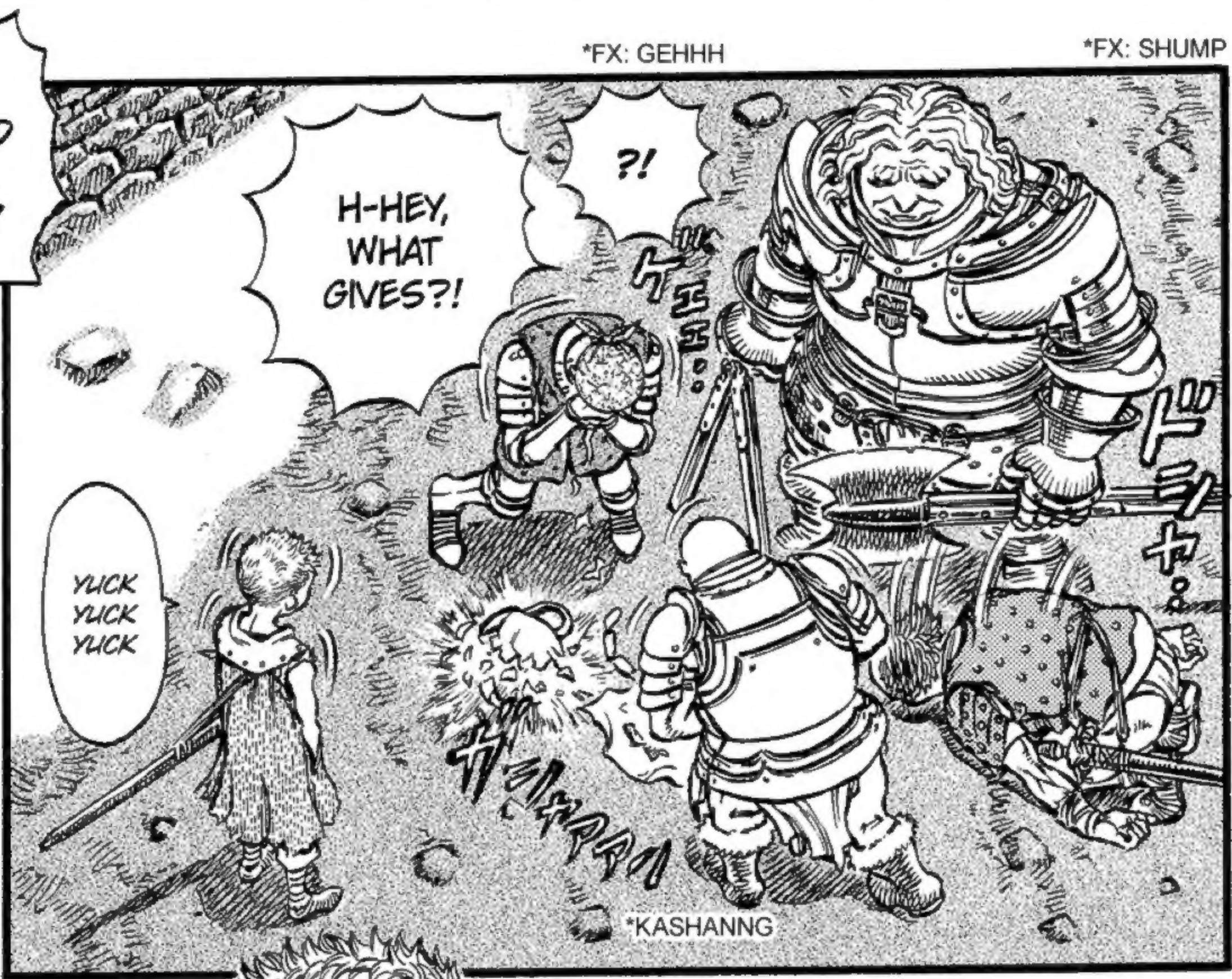
*FX: GEHHH

*FX: SHUMP



KID,
WHAT'D
YOU...
OOO!!

THIS STUFF
REALLY
WORKS...
SURE WAS
EXPENSIVE.



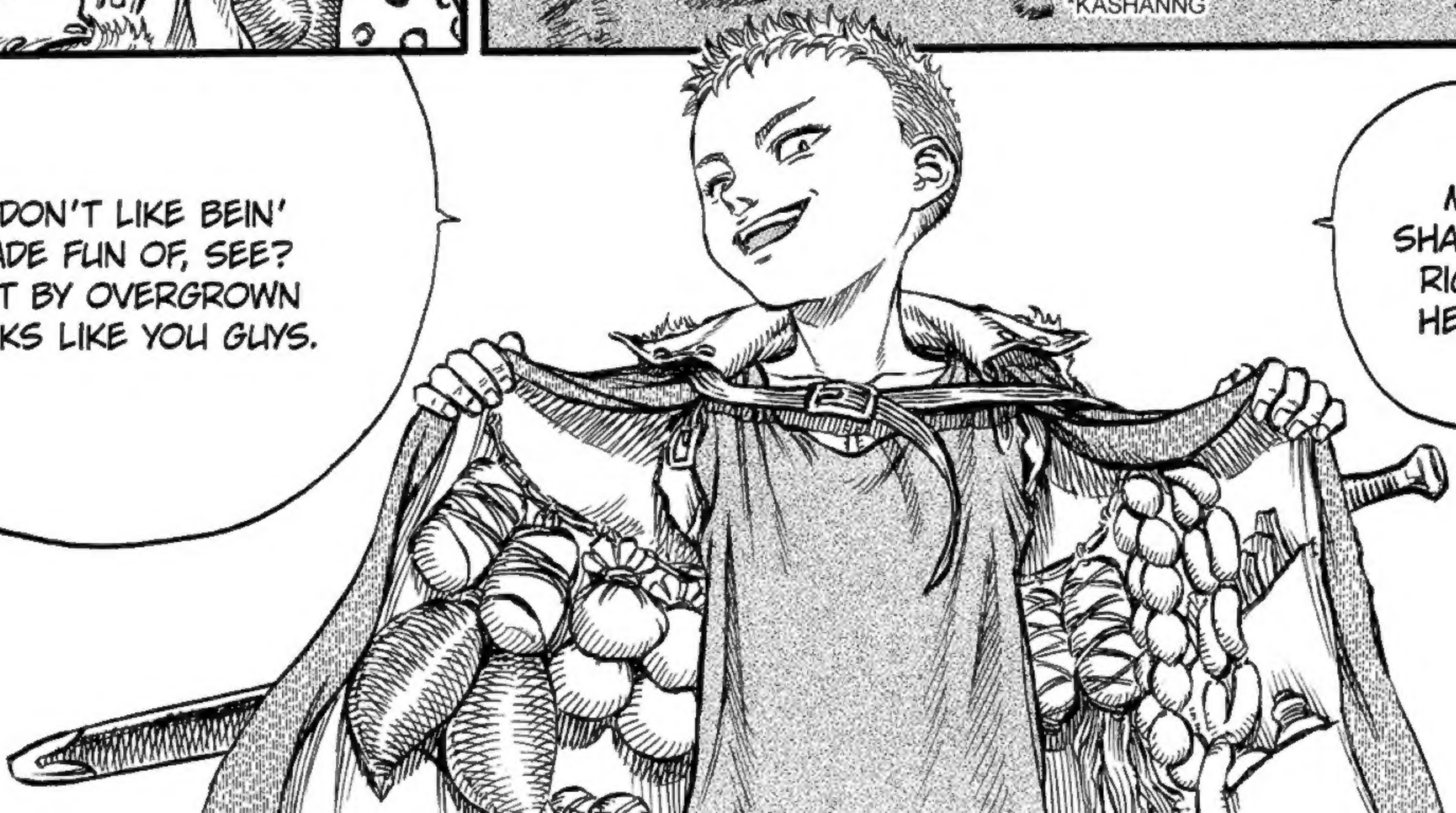
H-HEY,
WHAT
GIVES?!

?!
HEH...

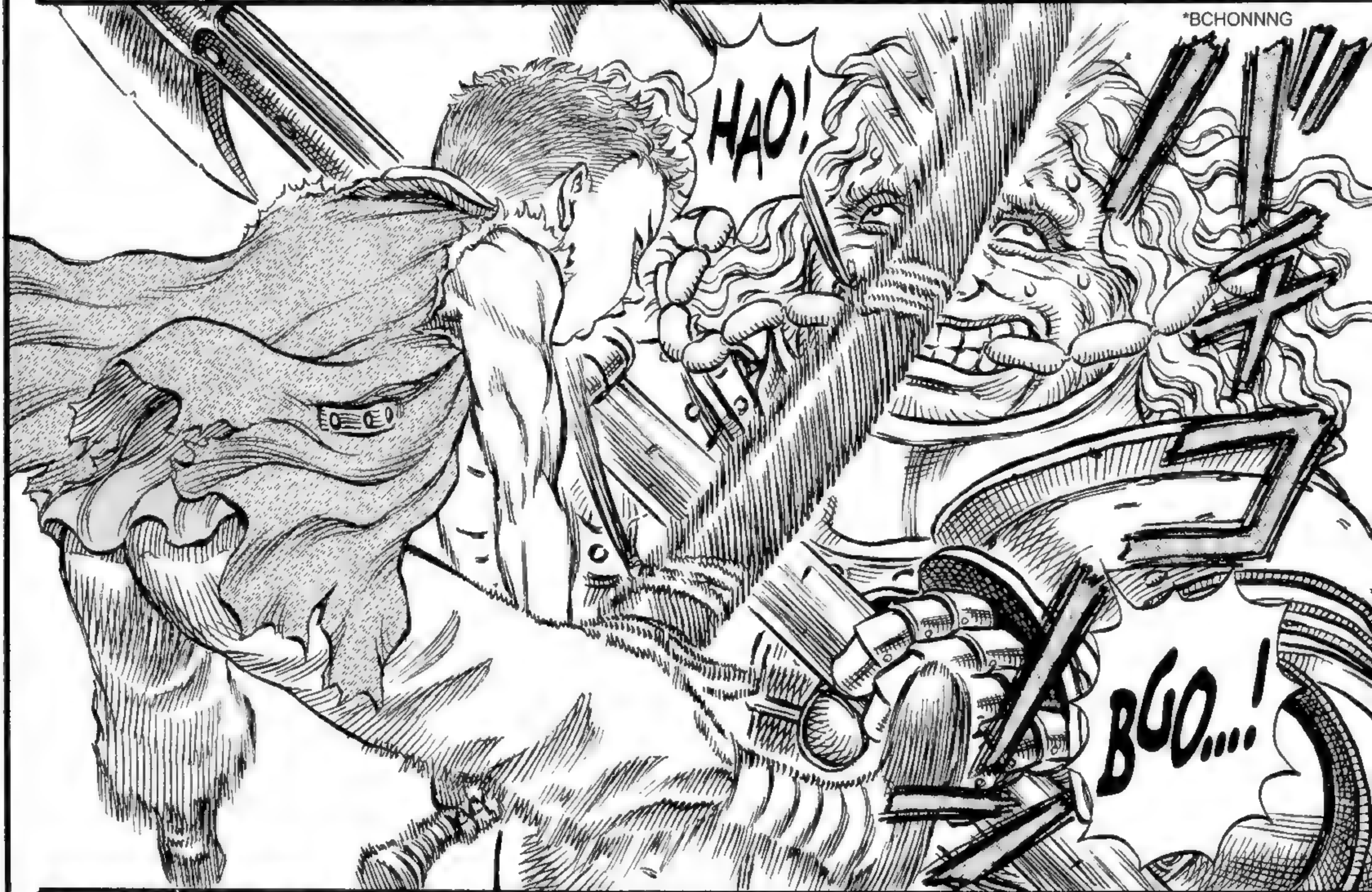
YUCK
YUCK
YUCK

*KASHANNG

I DON'T LIKE BEIN'
MADE FUN OF, SEE?
NOT BY OVERGROWN
JERKS LIKE YOU GLYS.

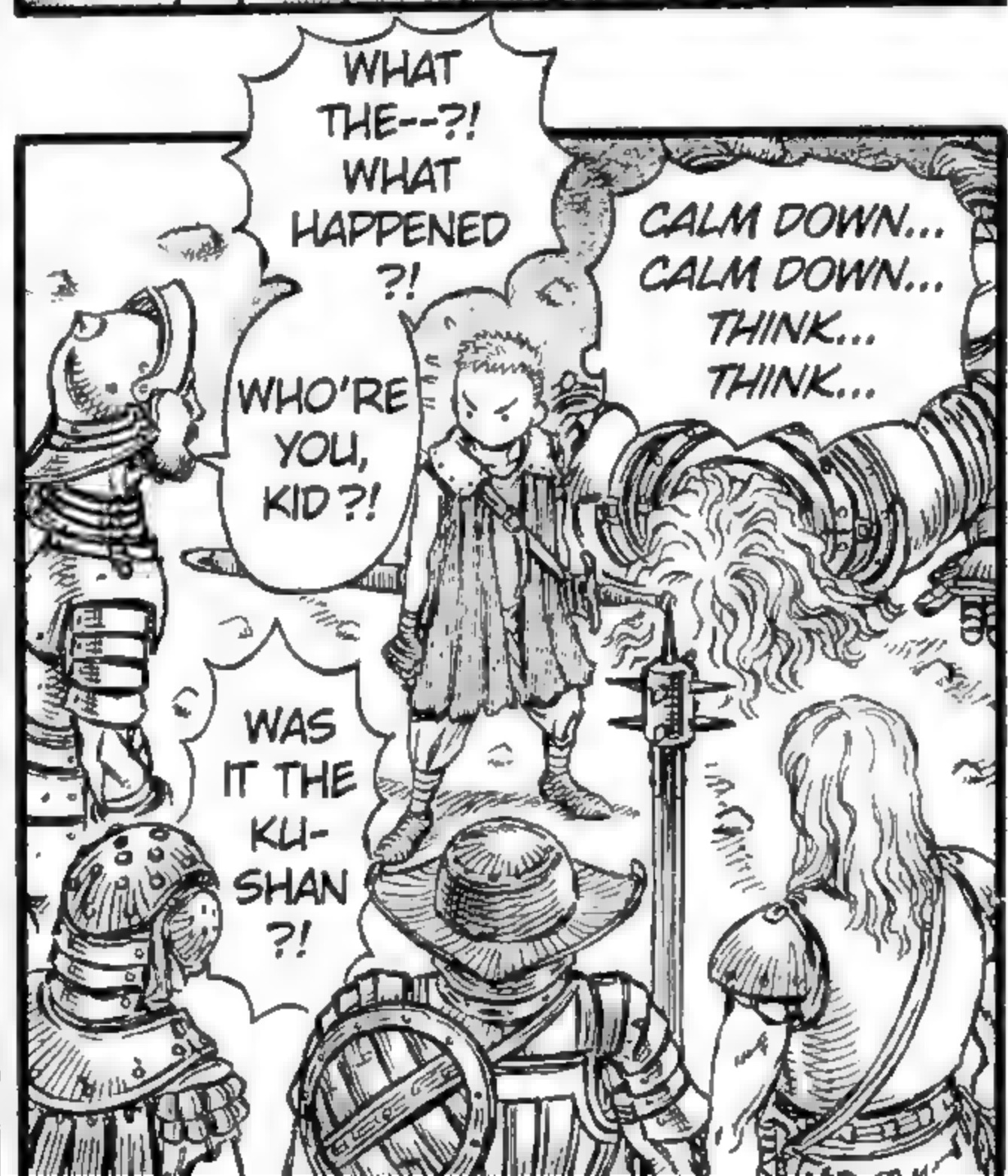
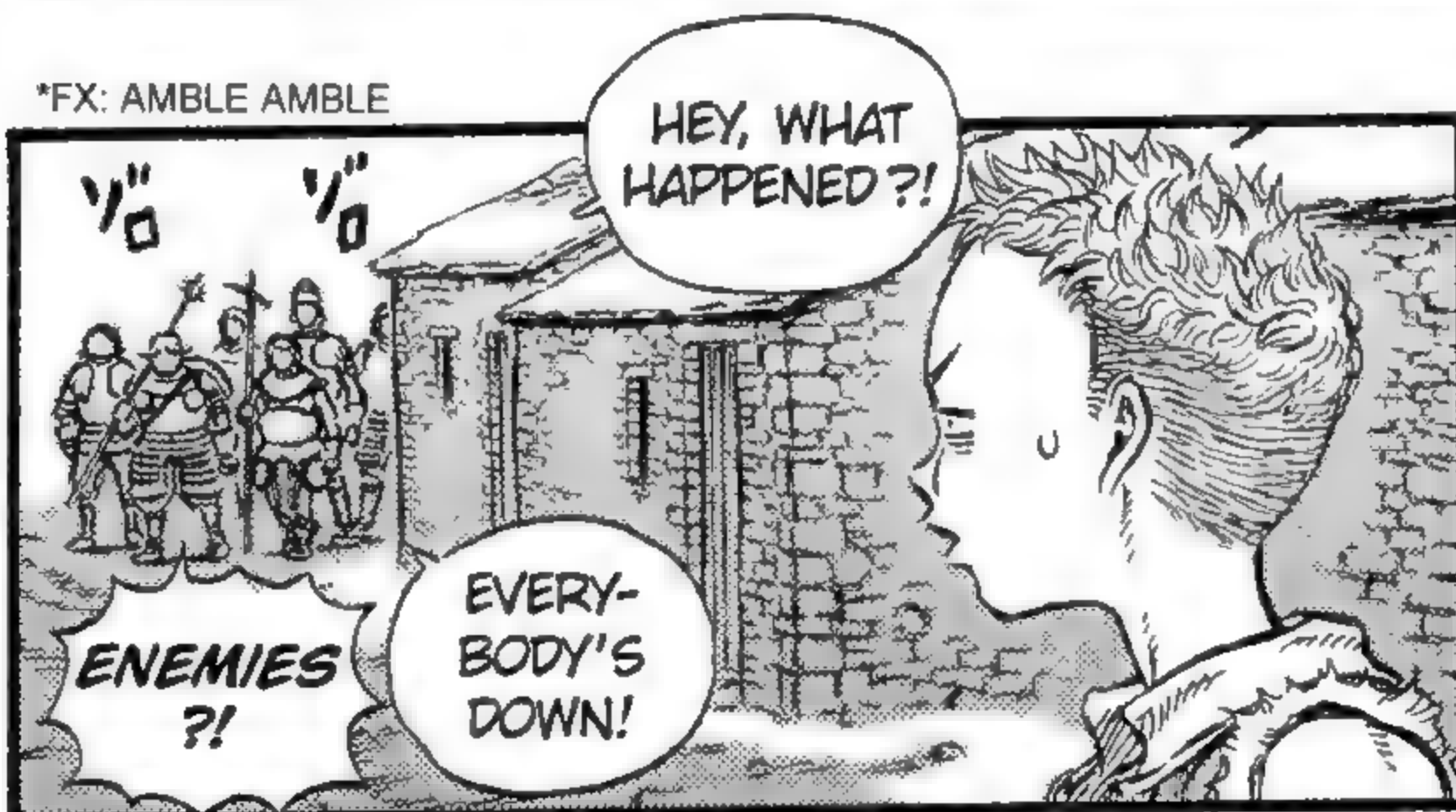
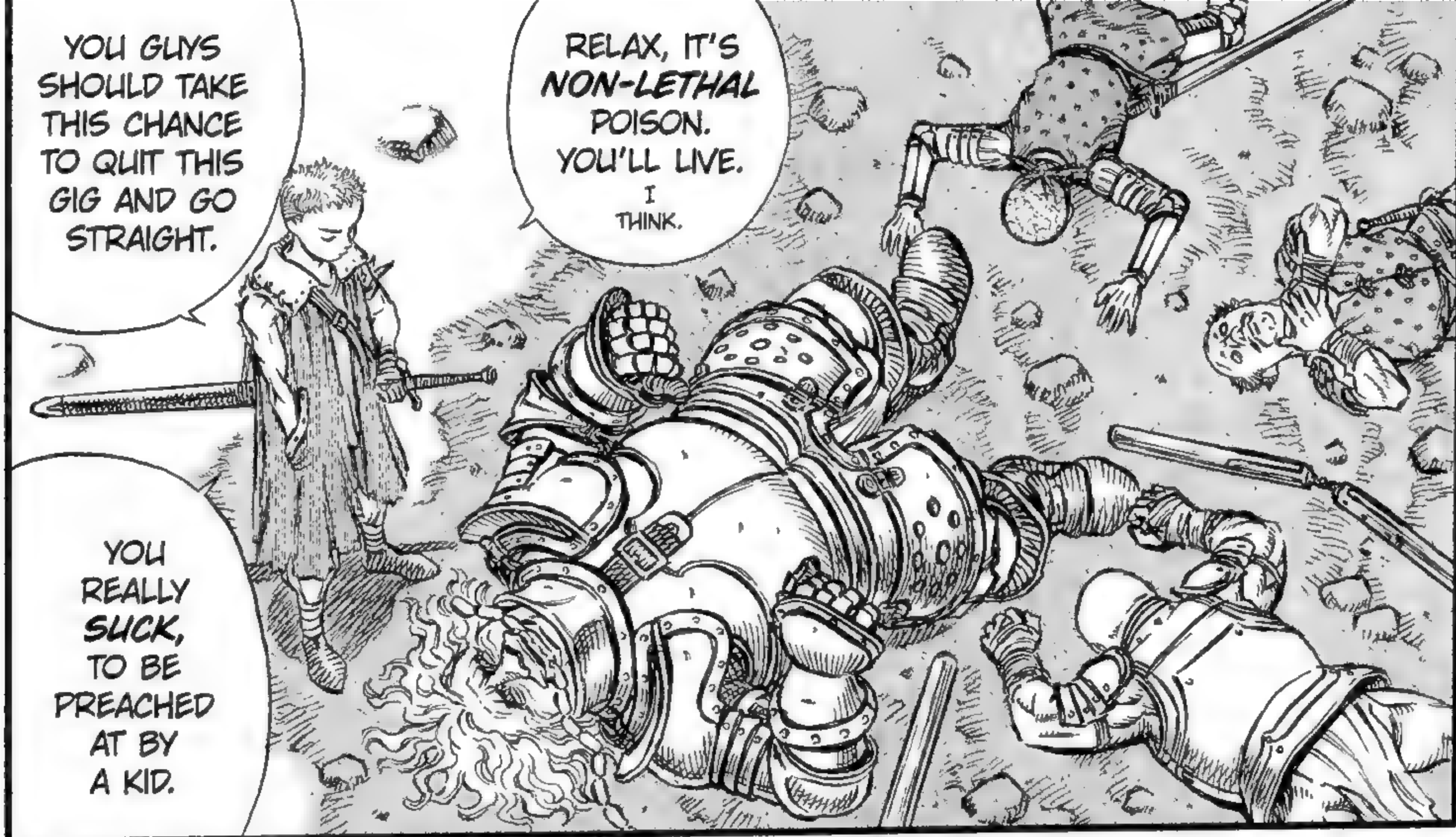


MY
SHARE'S
RIGHT
HERE.



THE
NAME'S
ISIDRO.

DON'T
CALL ME
"PUNK."





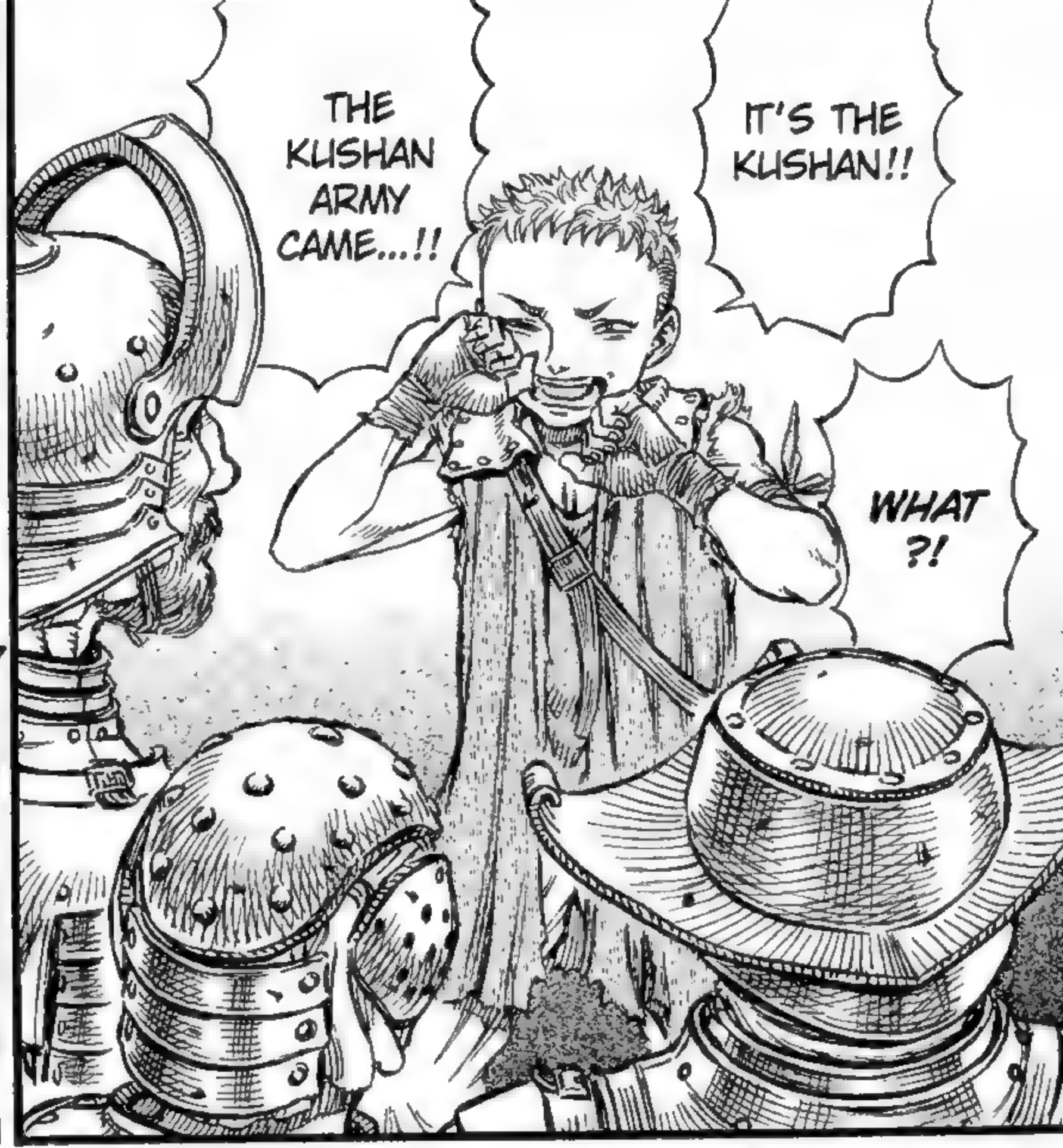
THIS IS
BAD,
MAN...

N-NO...
HE DID
IT...

*STOMP



WHAT
DO WE
DO?!



THE
KLUSHAN
ARMY
CAME...!!

IT'S THE
KLUSHAN!!

WHAT
?!



MORONS.

コッ
コッ

*FX: SNEAK SNEAK



WE AIN'T
GOT TIME
TO STAND
AROUND!!

BUT
WHERE
ARE
THEY...?

I-IF WE
DON'T
GET AWAY
QUICK...

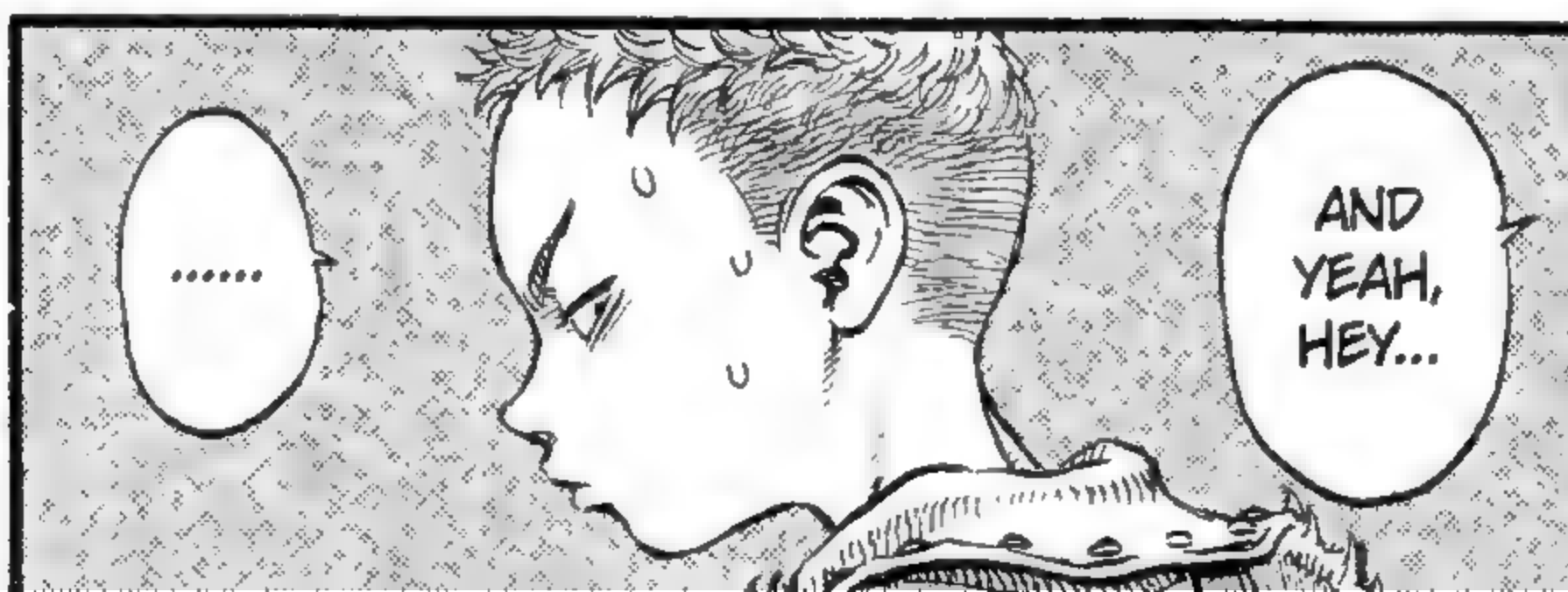


AND LOOK.
THE GLYS ON
THE GROUND
DON'T HAVE
ANY SWORD
WOUNDS.

THIS'S
PRETTY
WEIRD. IF
THE KLUSHAN
ARMY WAS
HERE, HOW
COME WE
DIDN'T HEAR
HOOVES?



HOLD UP,
BOY.

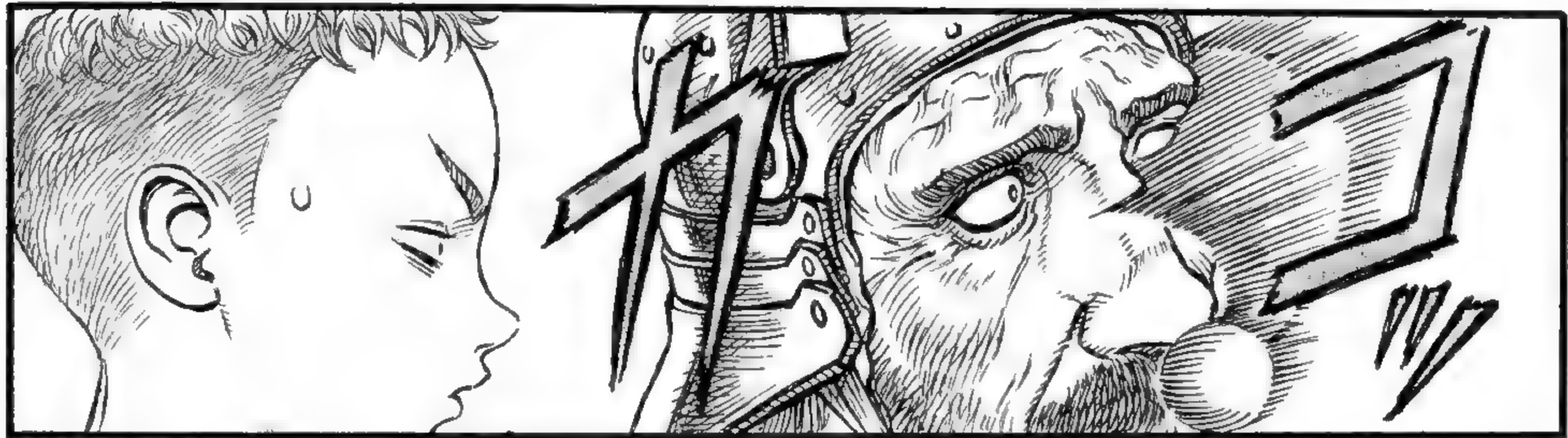


AND
YEAH,
HEY...

.....



*FX: SHUNK







WE'RE
SURROUNDED
!!

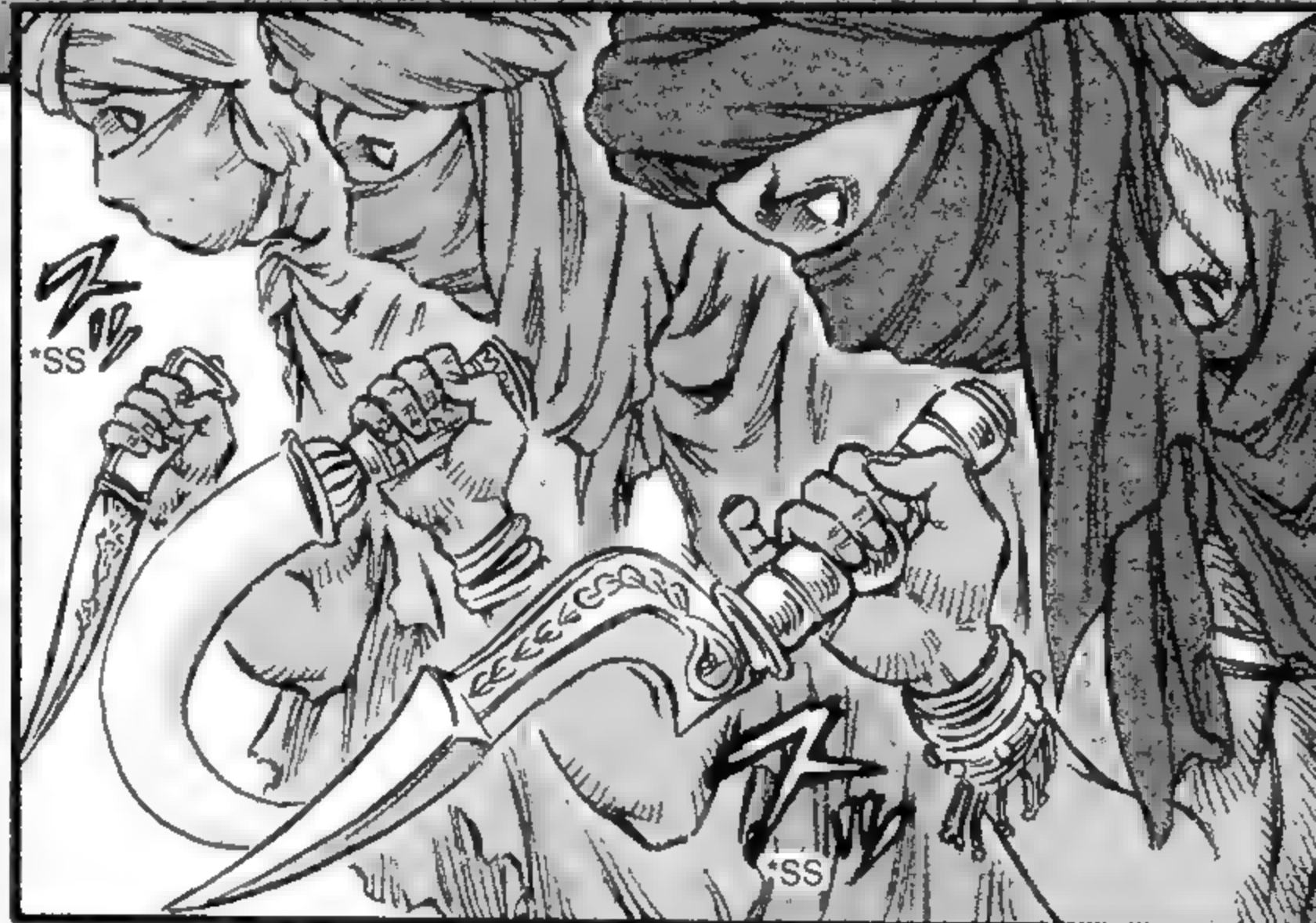
K-KUSHAN!!
THEY'RE KUSHAN
SCOUTS!!

WH-
WHO'RE
THEY?!
WHEN DID
THEY...?!

F-FOR
REAL
?!



*CHAK CHAK



*SS

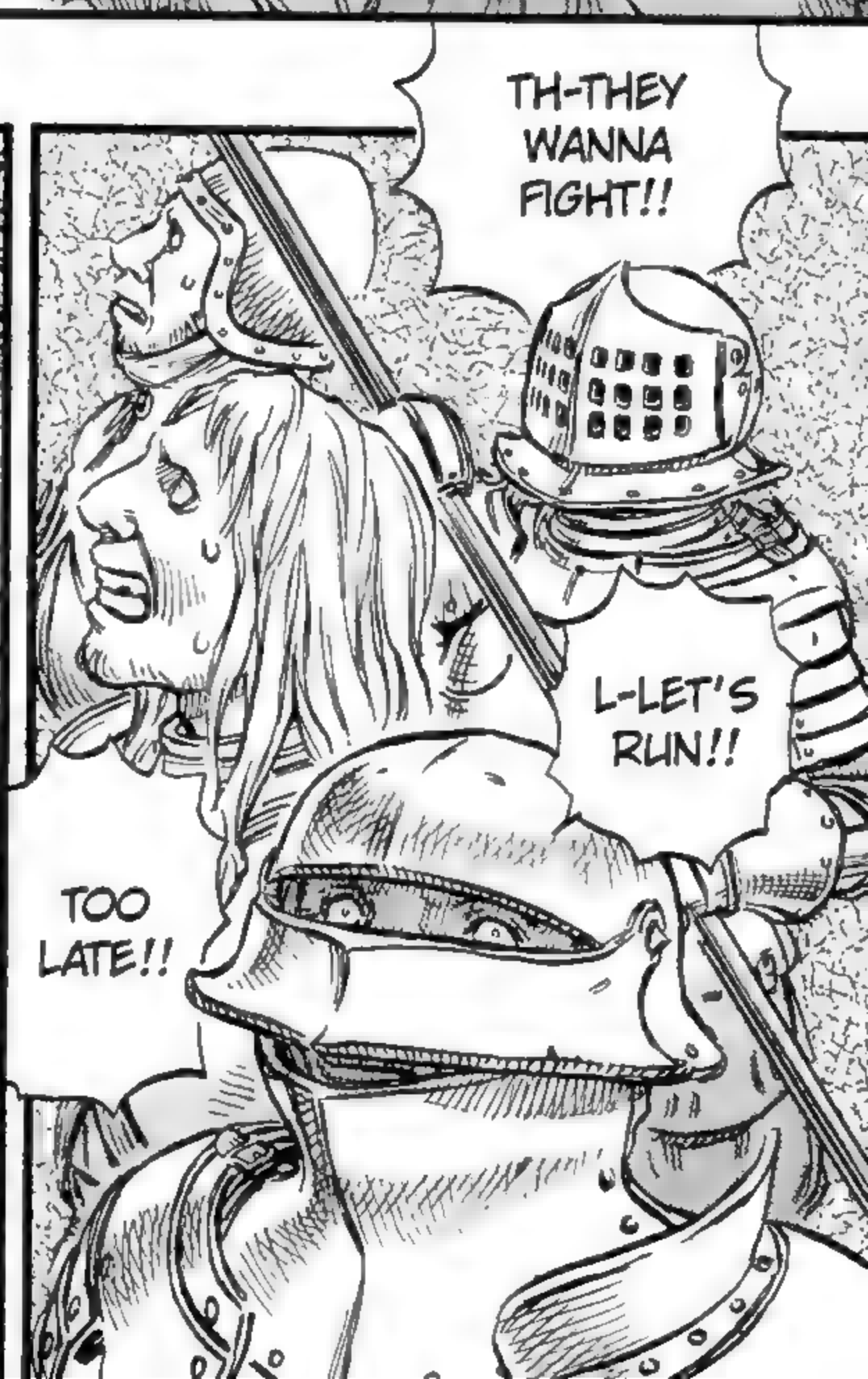
*SS



S-
SON
OF A
BITCH!!

*LEAP

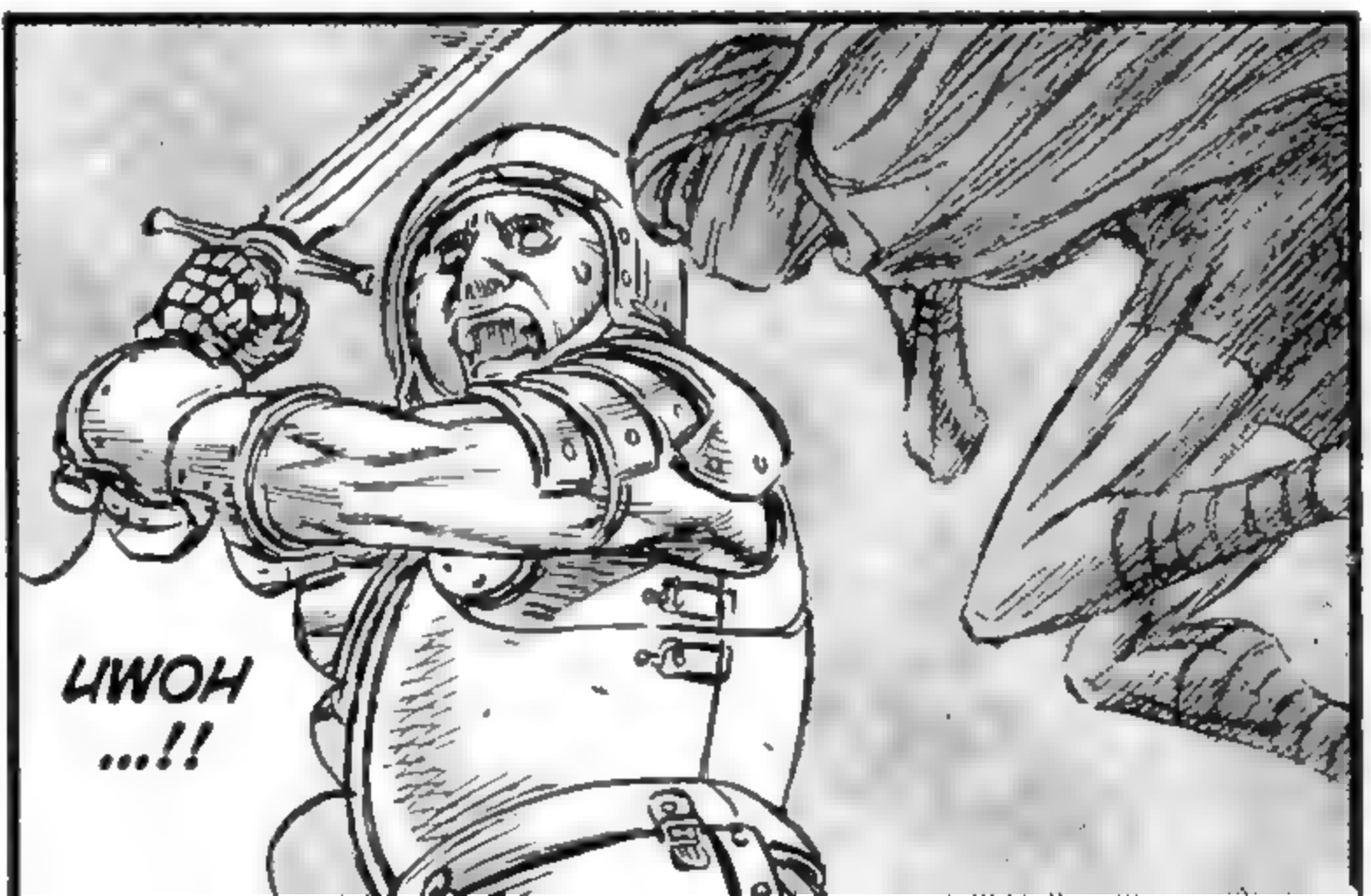
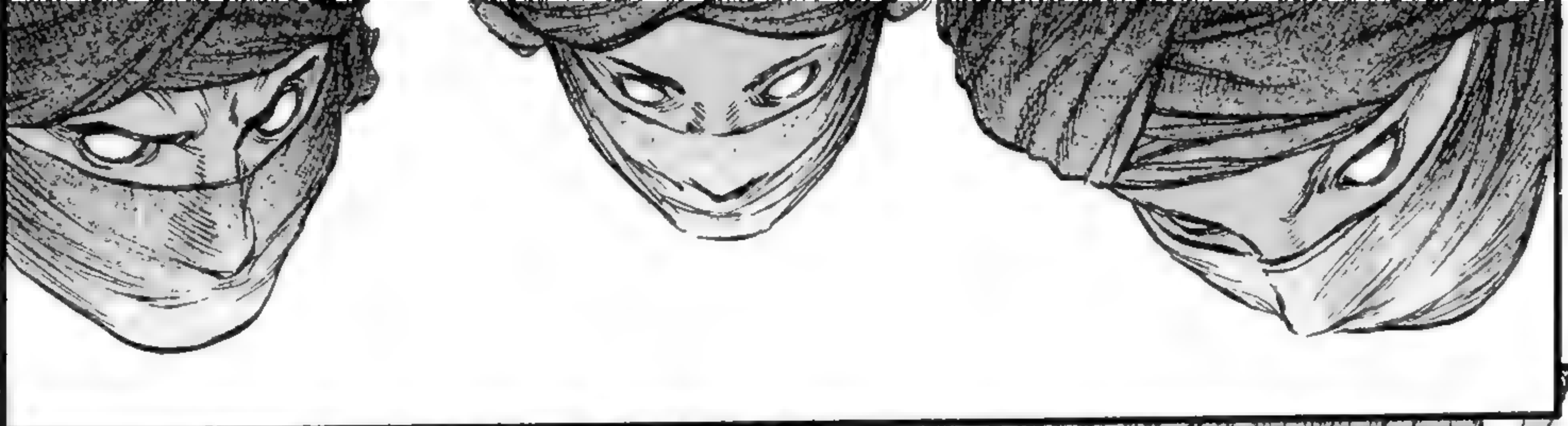
*LEAP



TH-THEY
WANNA
FIGHT!!

L-LET'S
RUN!!

TOO
LATE!!





*CHONK



*FX: SHUNK



*FX: BACHING



*FX: CHINNING

Y-YOU
BASTARDS
!



N-N-N...

...NO
FRIGGIN'
WAAAY!!



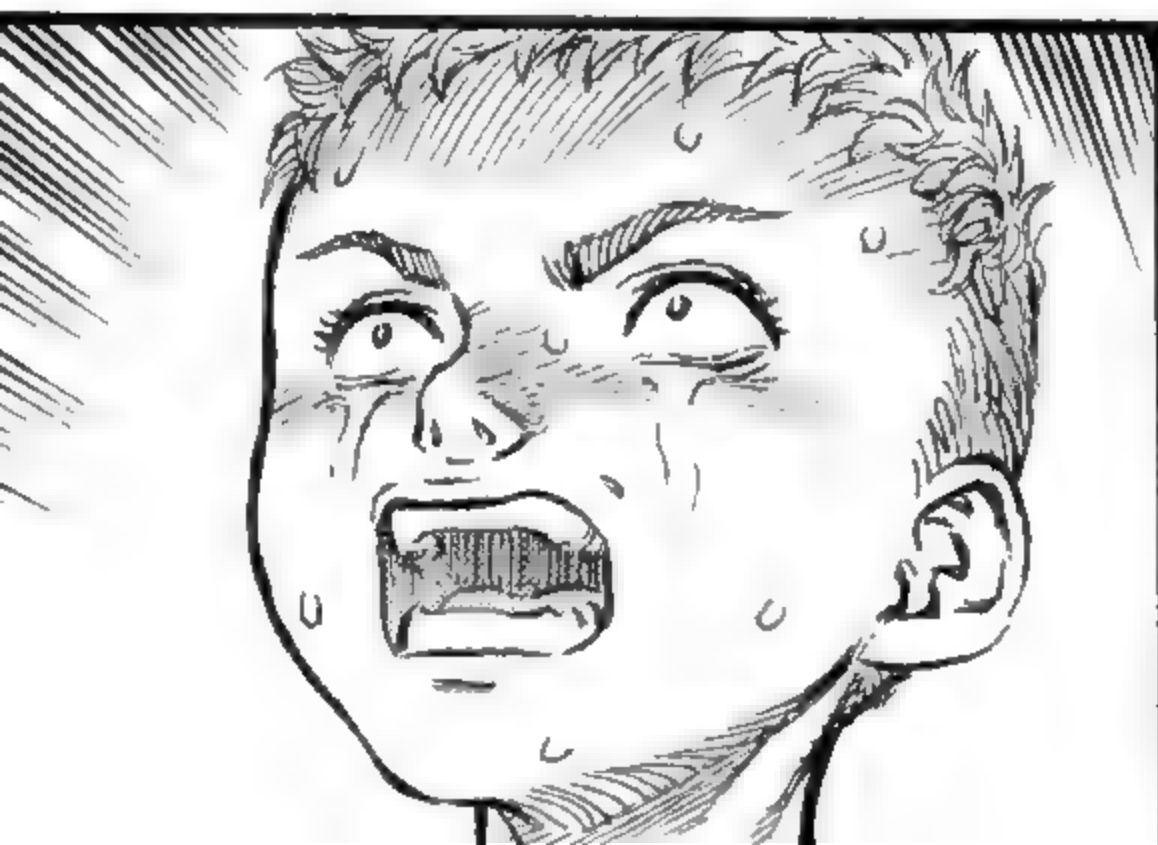
*GSHANG



ALL
DEAD...!!



IN THE
BLINK
OF AN
EYE...!!





*FX: GCHAK GCHAK



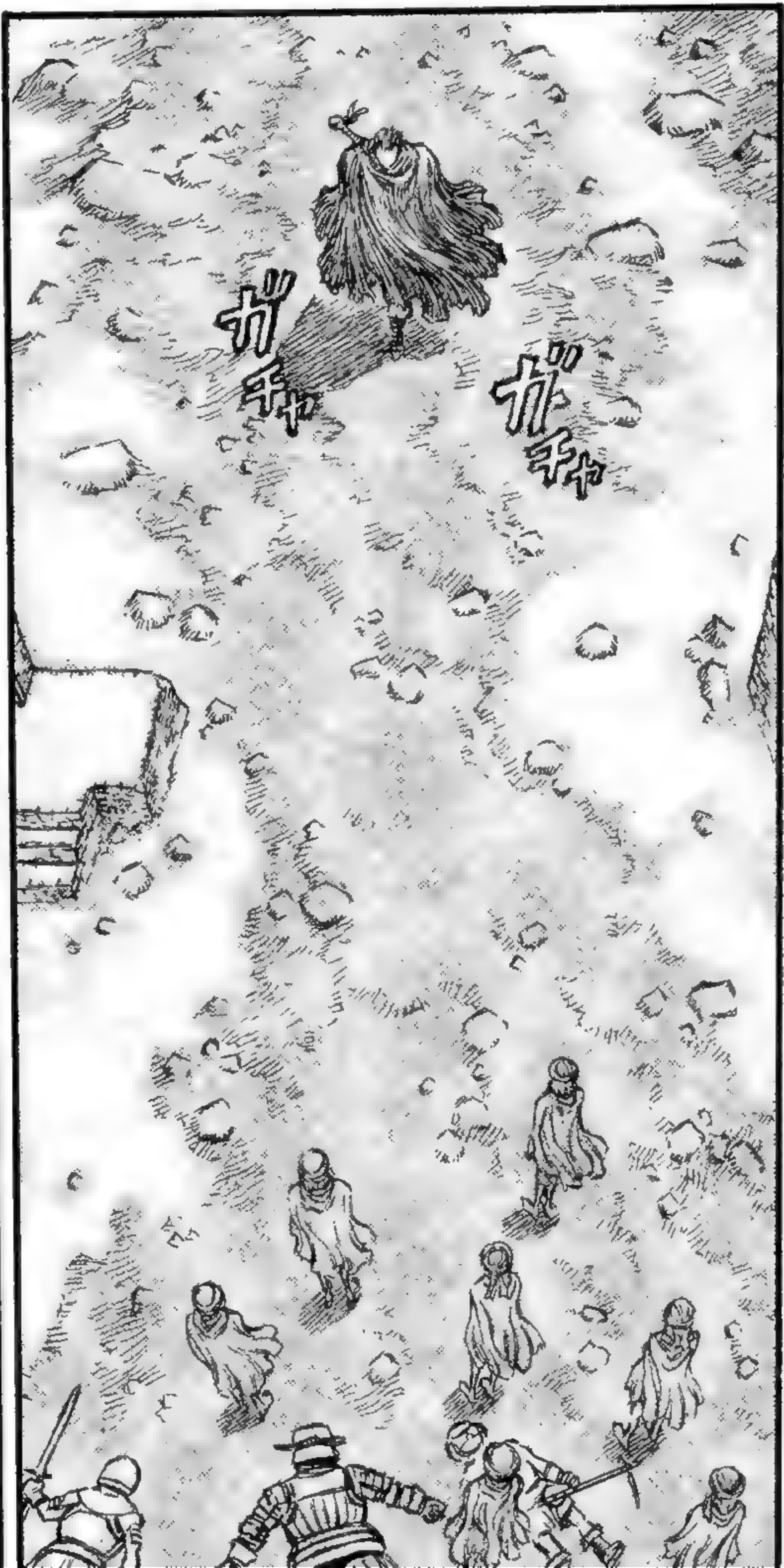
*FX: GCHAK GCHAK



*FX: WHISPER

*FX: JAK

*FX: CHAK





*FX: GCHAK GCHAK



*FX: SFF SFF



*FX: SFF SFF



DOESN'T
HE KNOW
HE'S
ABOUT
TO GET
KILLED?!

WHAT'S
HE
THINKIN'
?!

*FX: GCHAK GCHAK



*FX: ZHA ZHA ZHA ZHA ZHA ZHA

*FX: GSHAK



断罪篇
生誕祭の章 クシャーン斥候②

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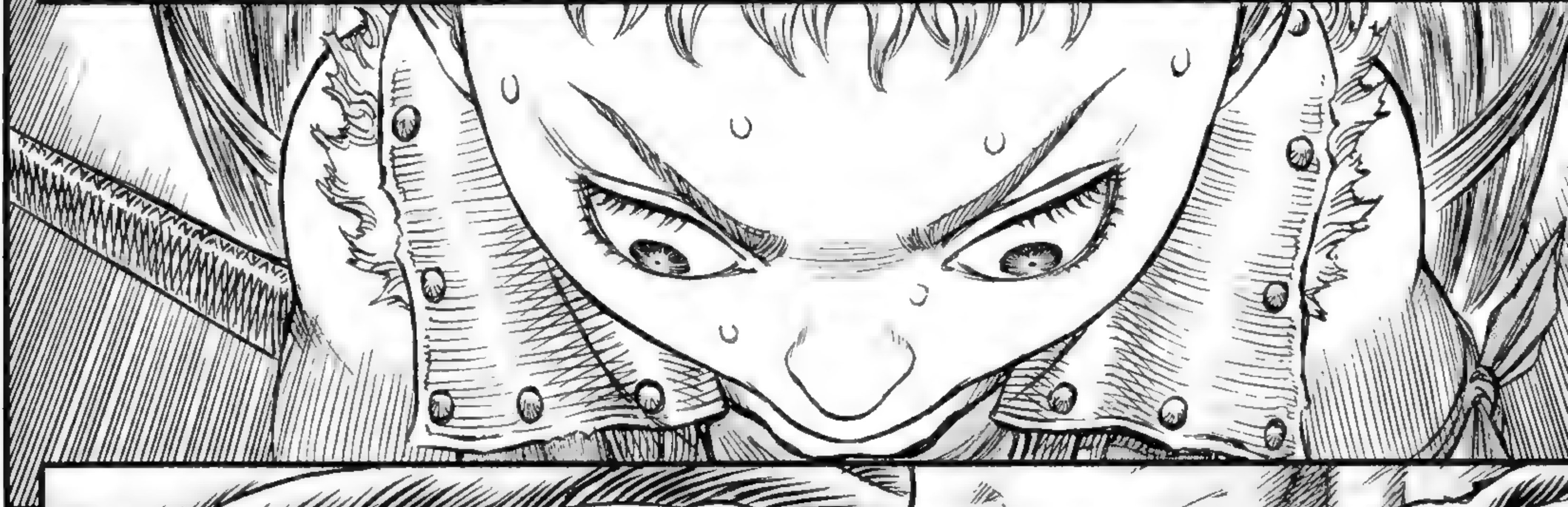


BOMF





FX GSSH DOLCH DOLCH



...
SUDDEN?

WASN'T
THAT A
BIT...



DIDN'T THINK
I'D GET TO
TRY IT OUT
SO SOON.



...HE LEFT
THOSE
KUSHAN
MONSTERS
IN
PIECES!!

IN ONE
SWING...



IS IT...
A
SWORD
?!

WH-WH-WH-
WHAT'S
THAT
FRIGGIN'
HUGE
THING?!

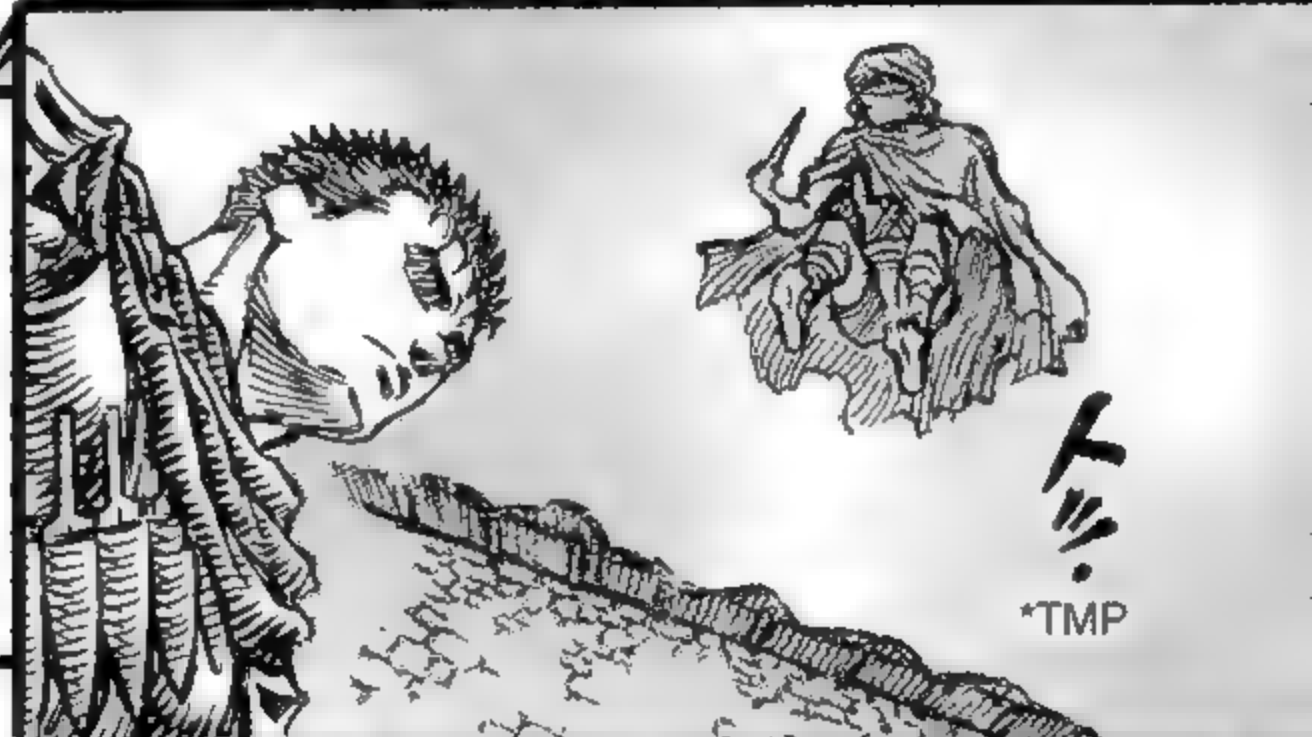


AND HE
DON'T
EVEN
KNOW!

HEY,
CLEAR THE
ROAD. I'M
IN A HURRY.

WHO
ARE YOU
PEOPLE?

*GCHAK



*TMP



HE'S A
WALKING
WEAPON
...

AN
IRON
FIST
...!!

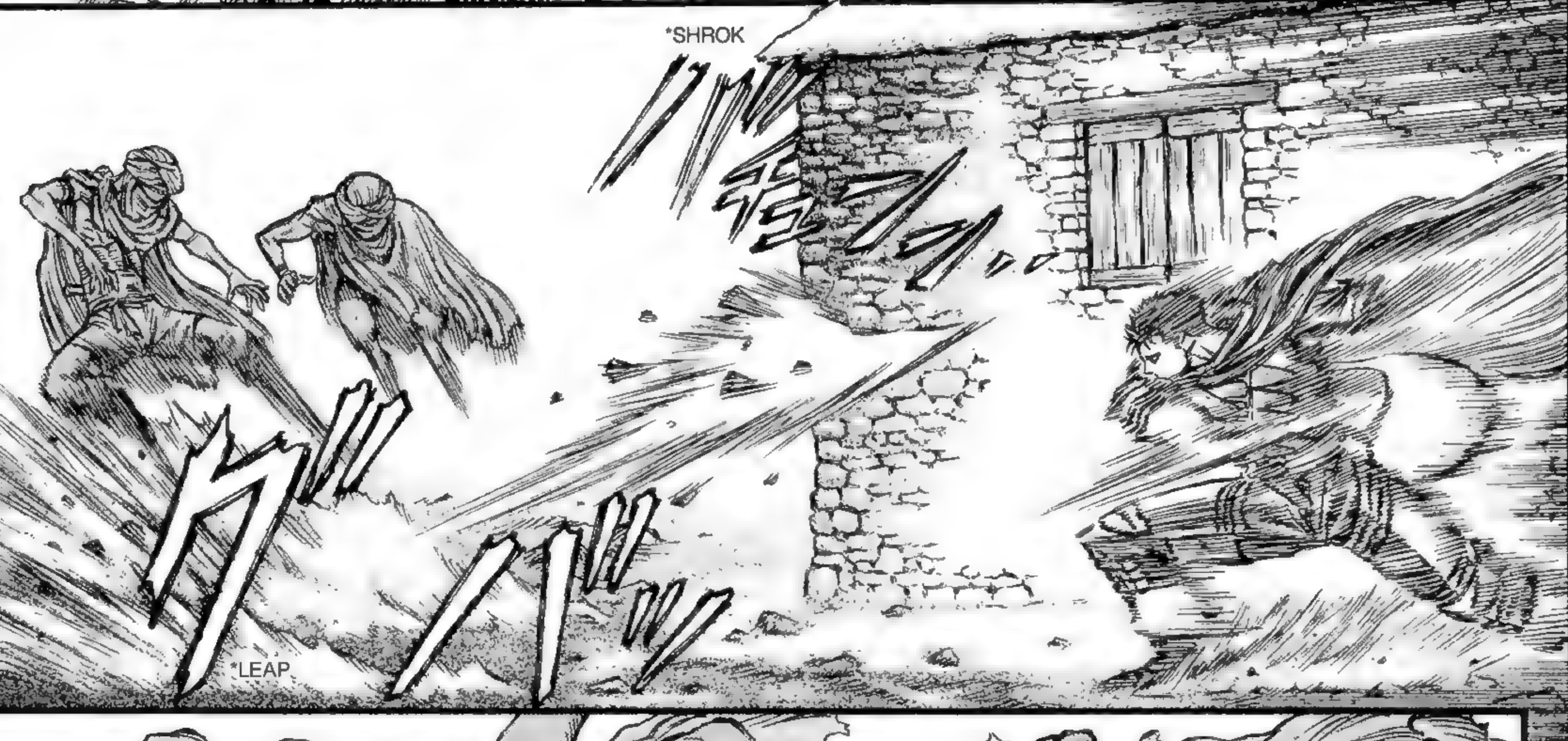
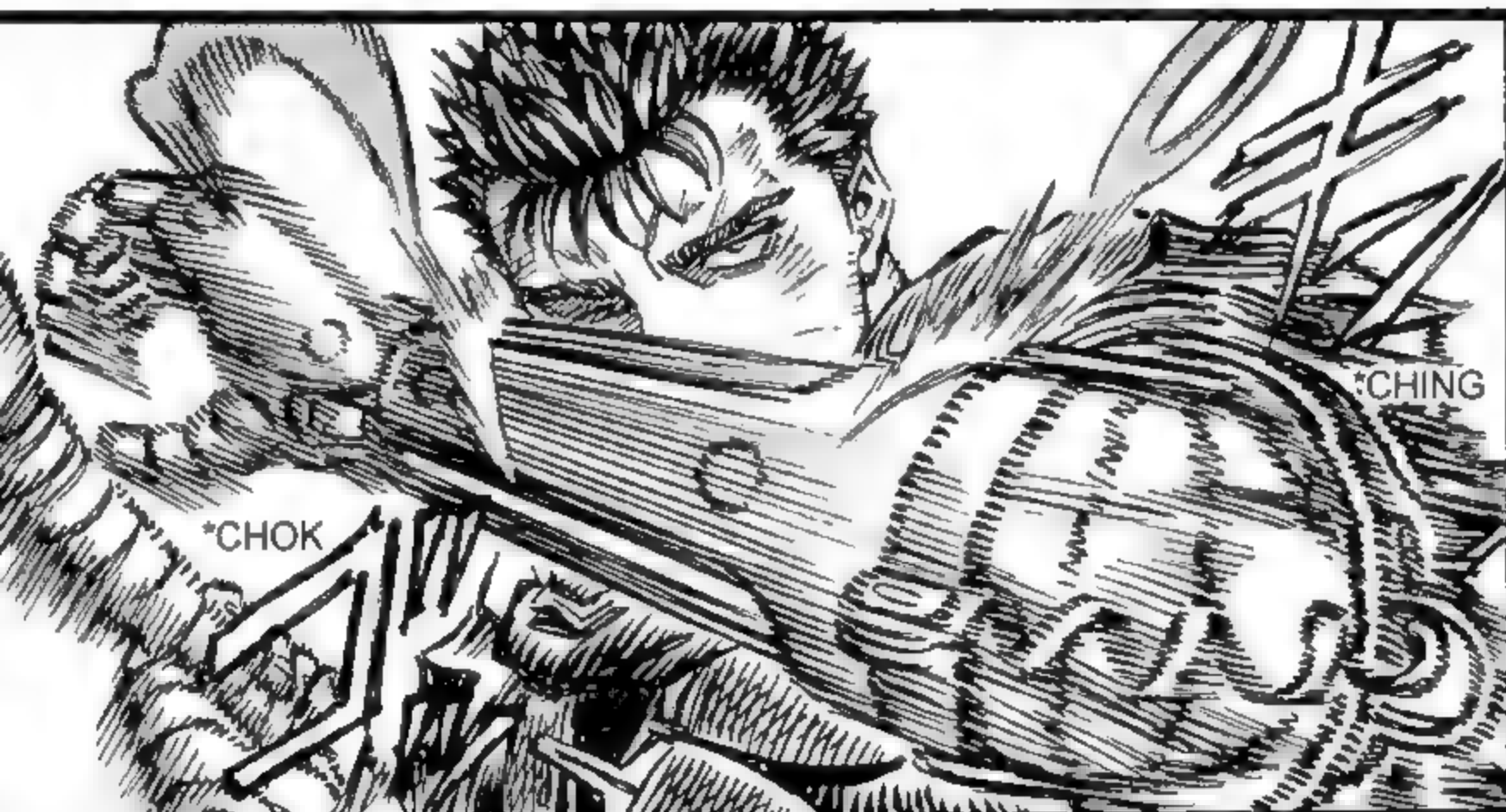
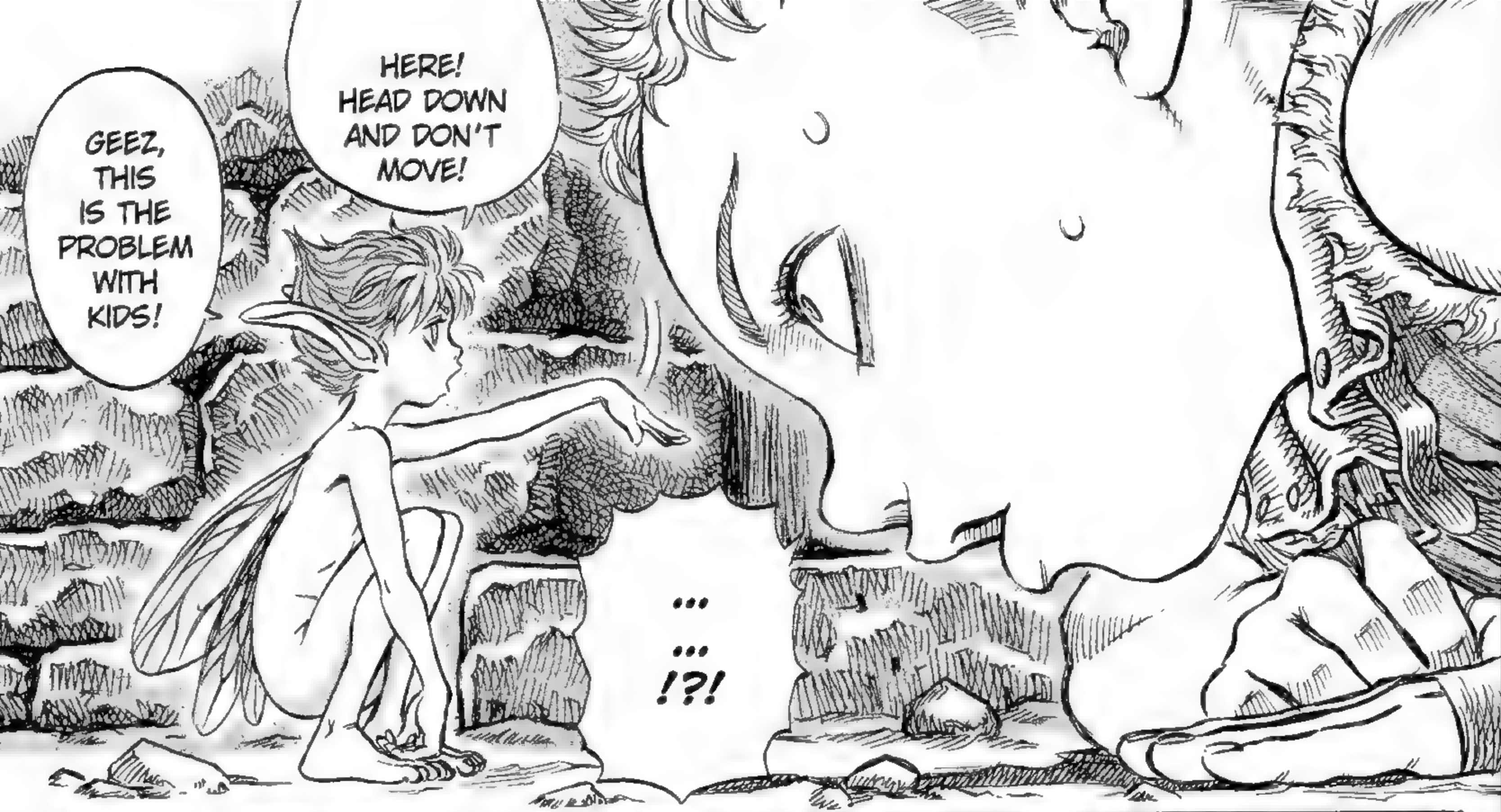


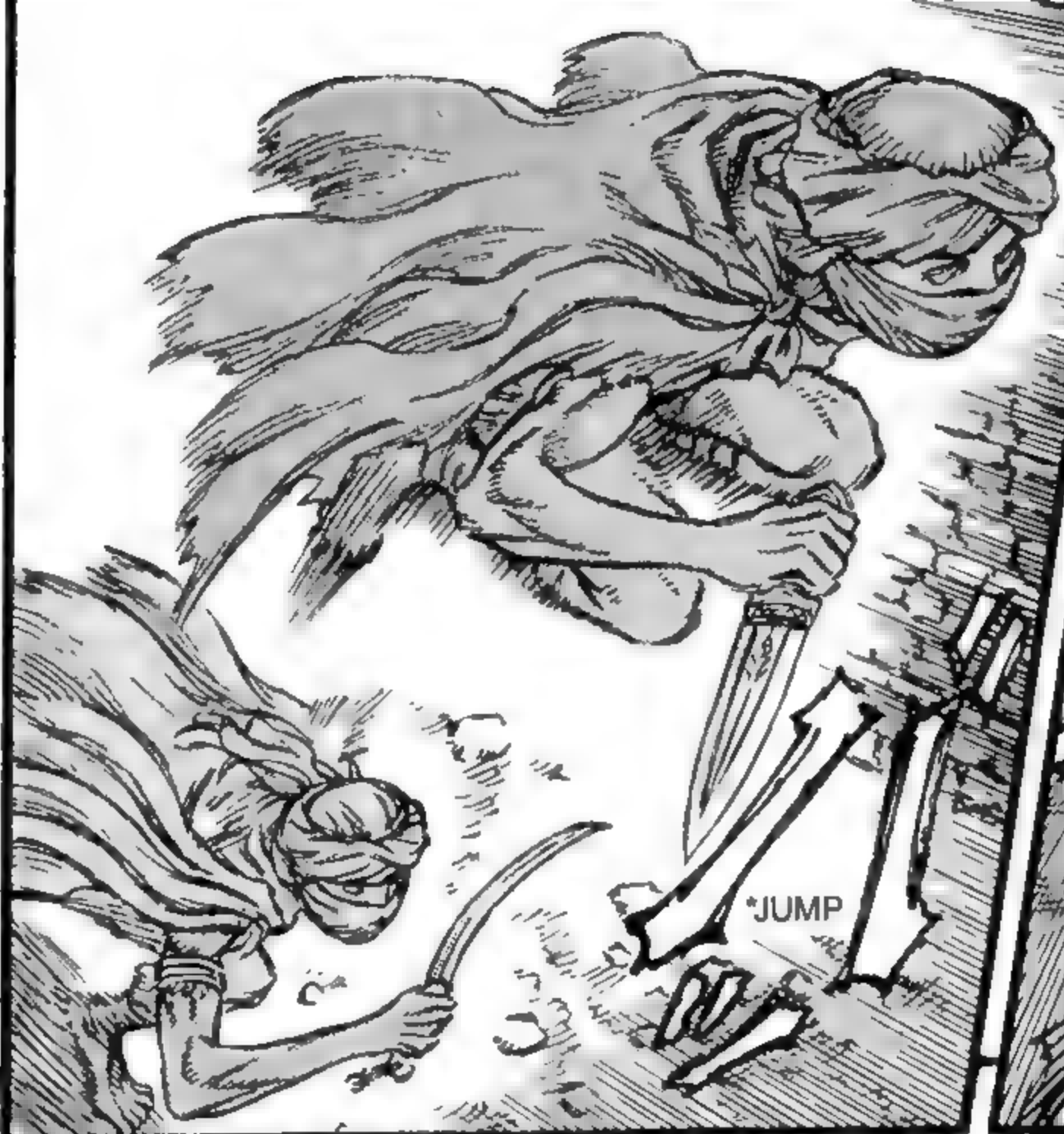
NO NEED
FOR TALK,
HUH?

*KRONK



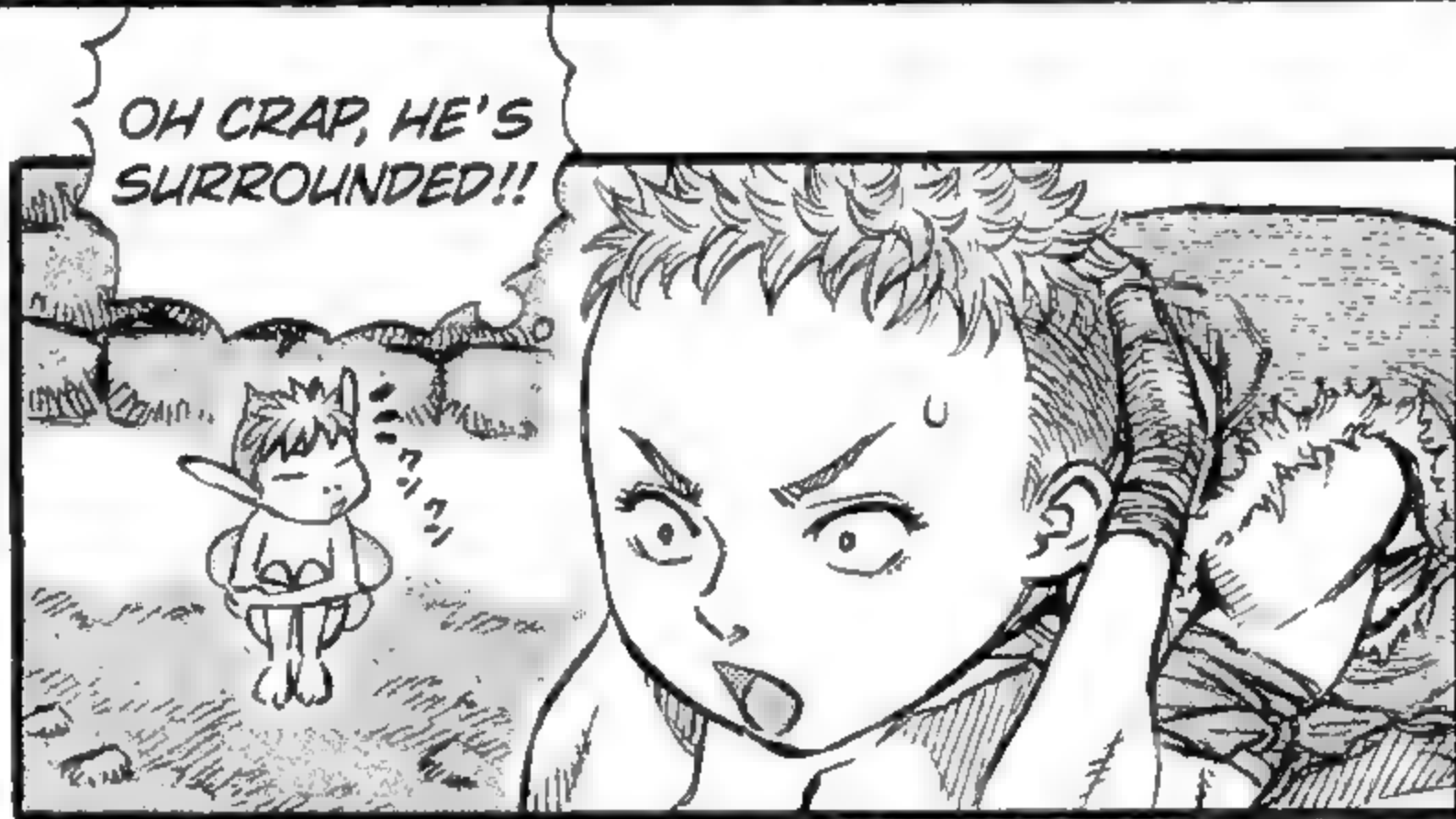
HEY,
PUNK.







*FX: TENSE



*FX: SNIFF SNIFF

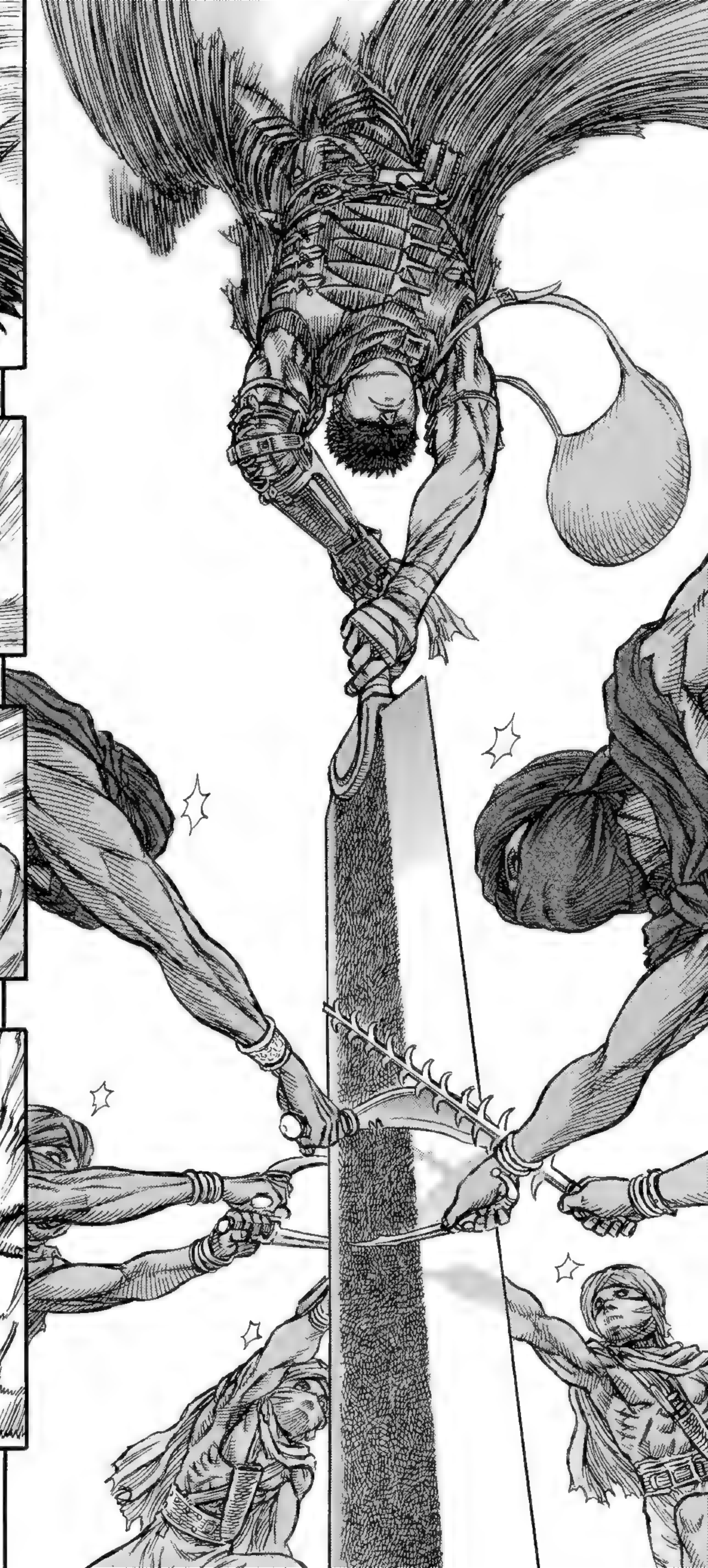
*FX: SHA



*FX: STAB



*GACHINNG

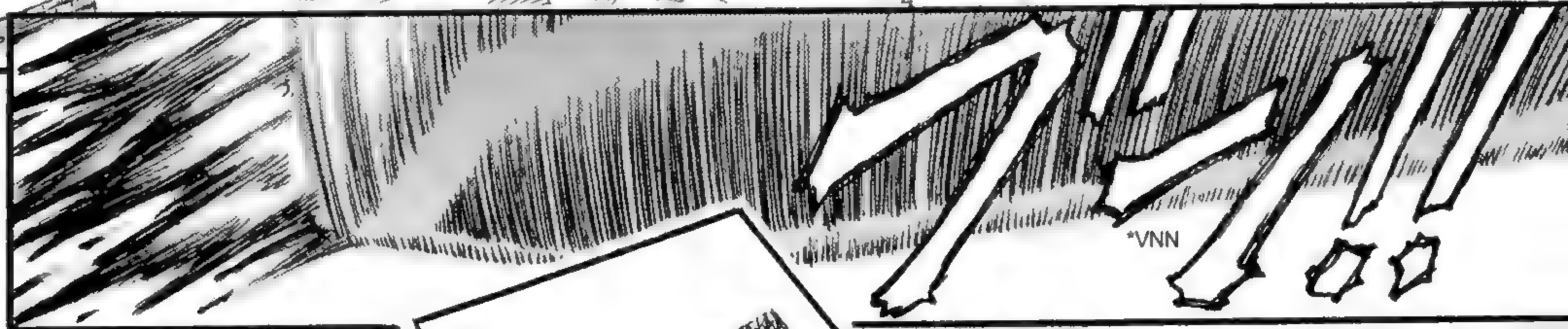




*CHNK CHNK



DLCH BISH BISH GSSH



VNN



HEY, KID.
YOU'VE GOT FOOD
ON YA. LIQUOR,
TOO.

A...

I CAN
SMELL
THAT
YOU'RE
HIDIN'
'EM.



A...

THEY'LL
DO AS
THANKS,
SO DON'T
SWEAT IT.



NICE...

ZSSH

THE KIND
OF WORK
I'D
EXPECT
FROM
GODO.



**AWE-
SOMMMME!**

LET'S
GET GOING,
PUCK.



J-
JUST A
SEC...

*STAGGER

*CLATA

**WHO IS
THAT?!**

*FX: GCHAK GCHAK

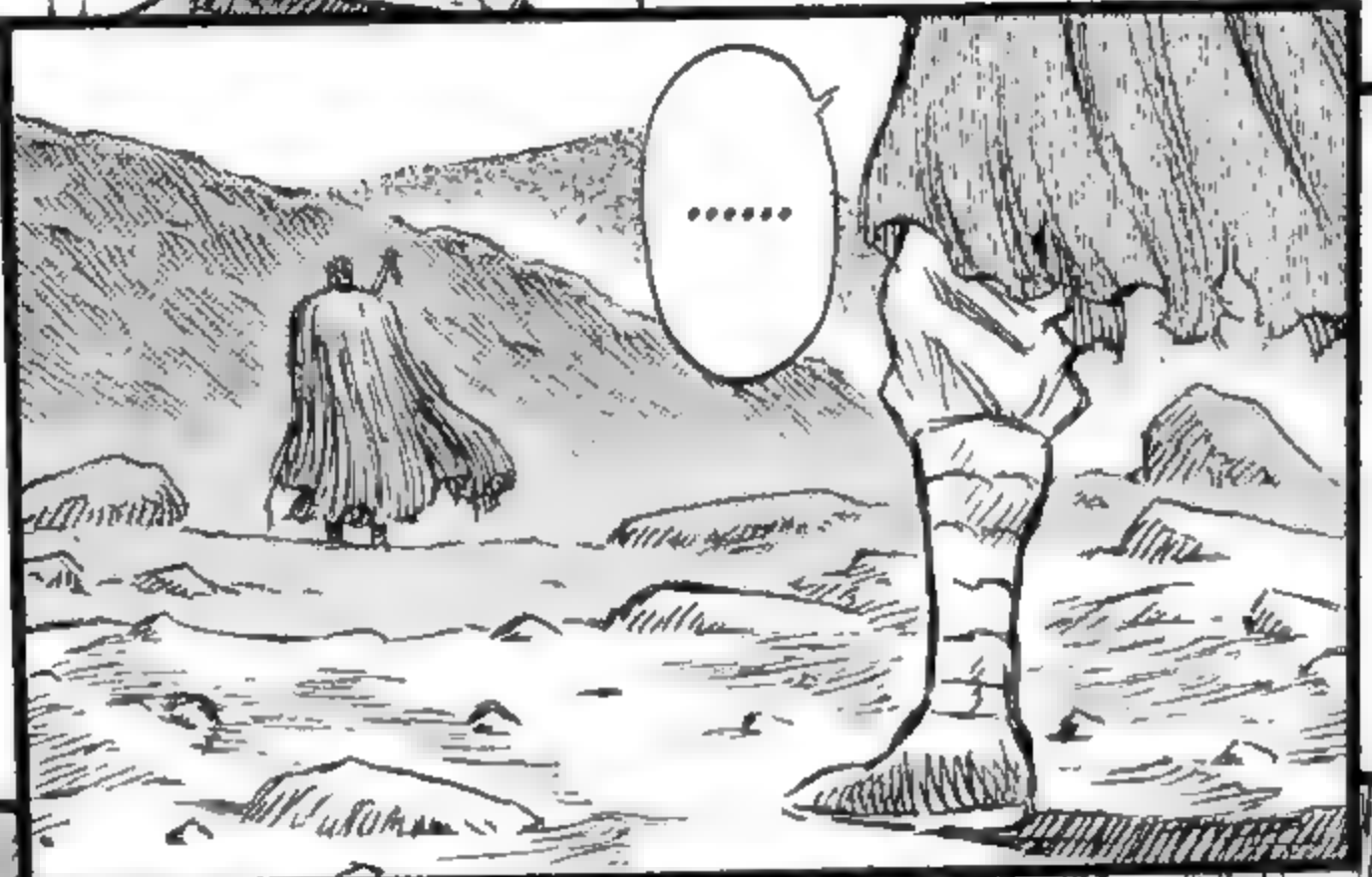
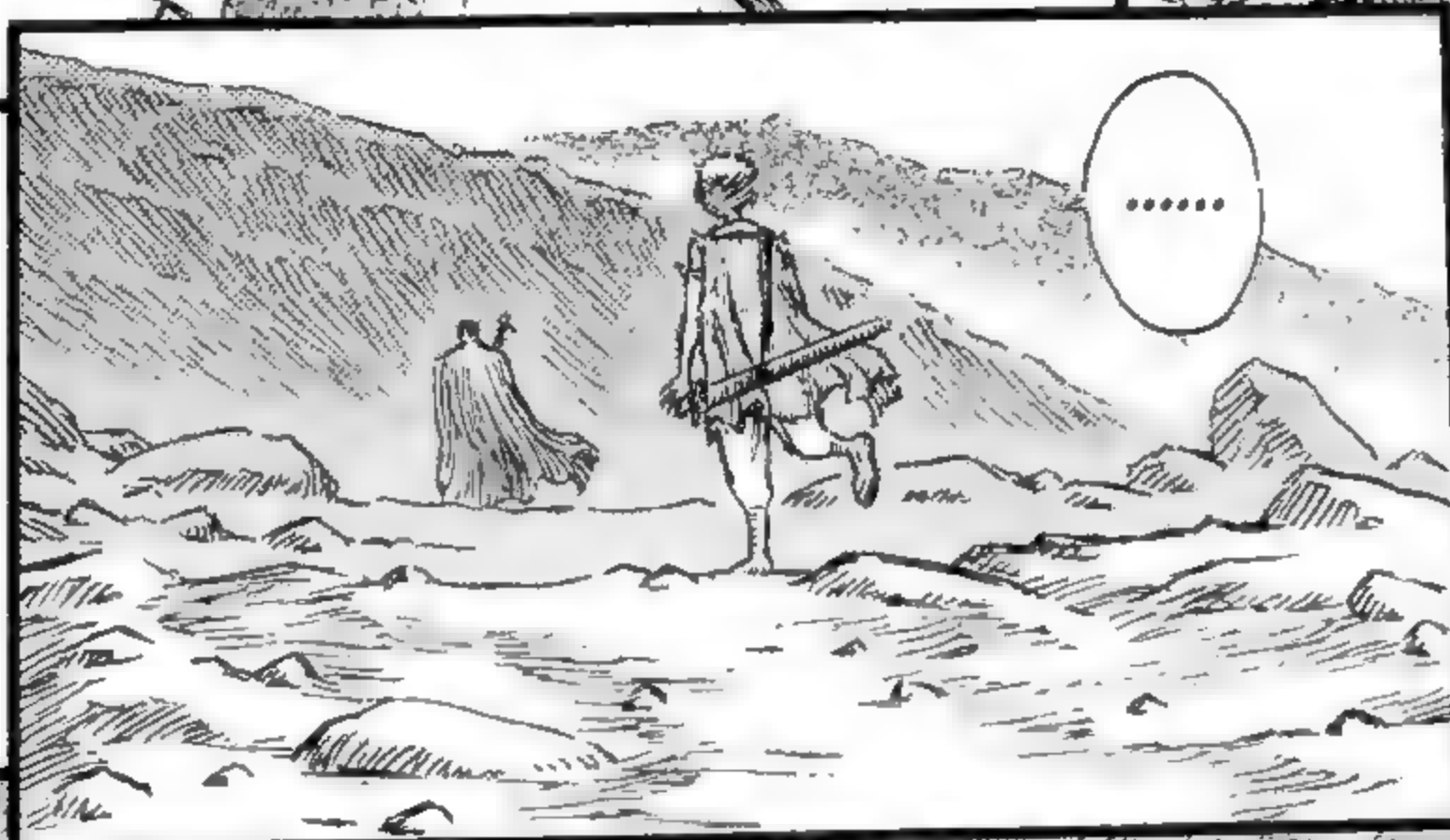
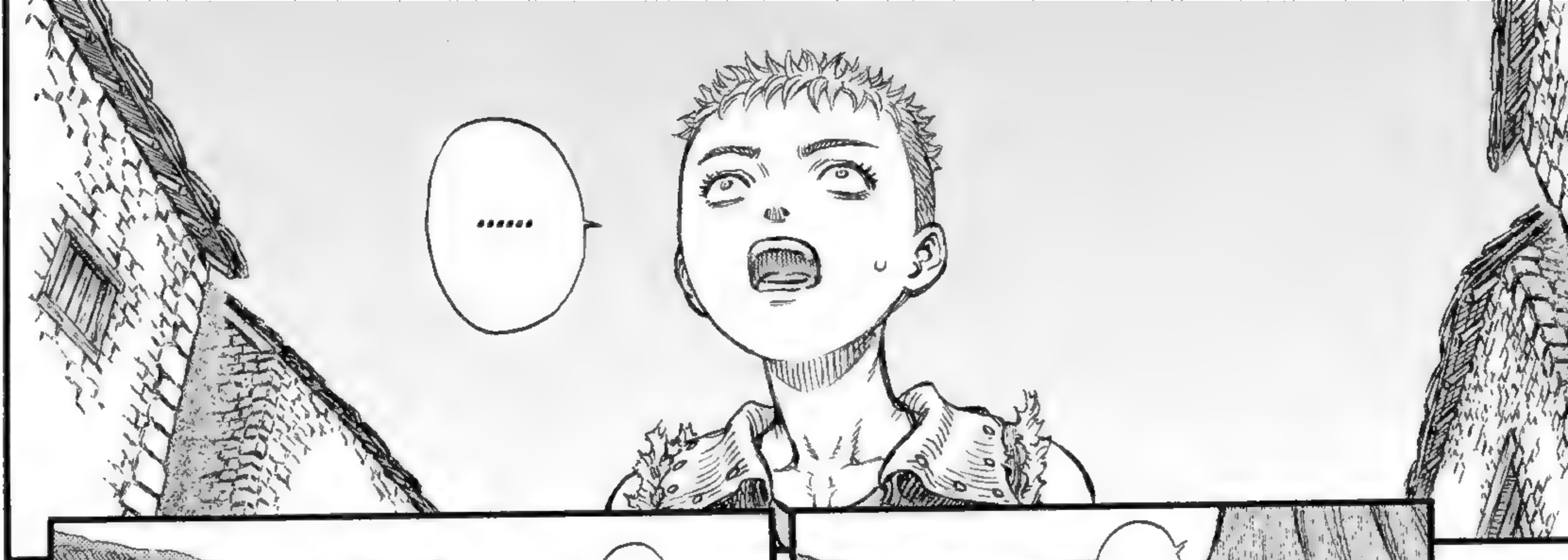


THIS
WORTHLESS
CRAP ATE
UP TIME.

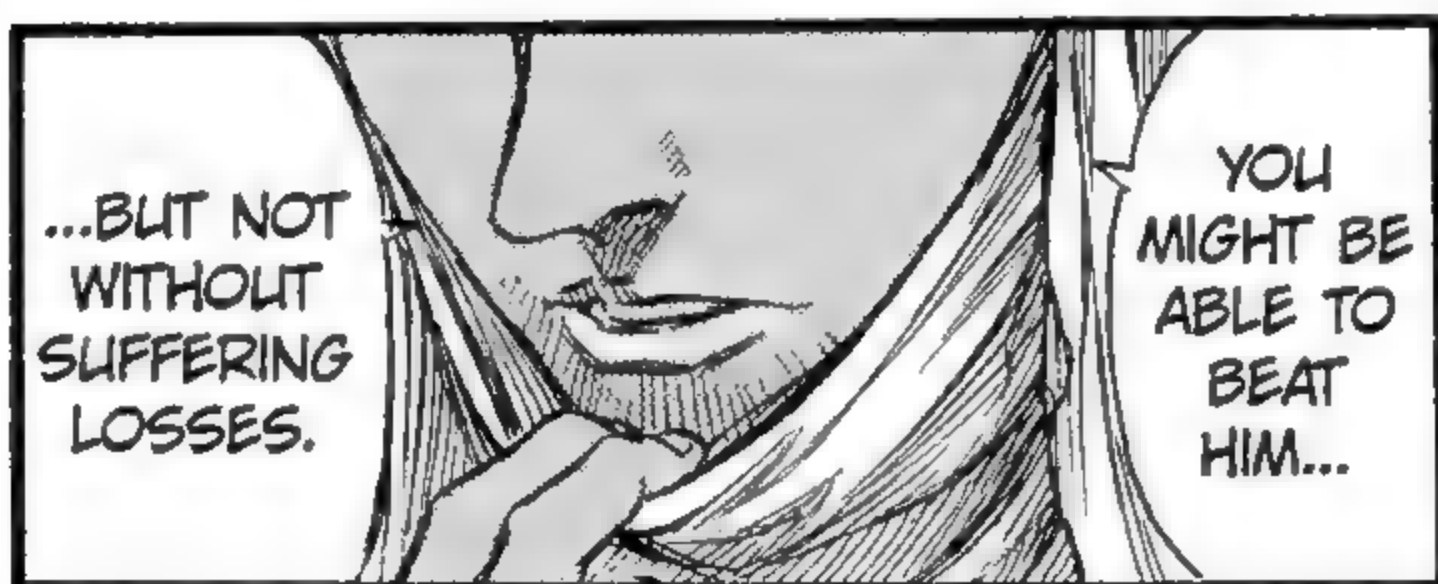
WHO
WERE
THOSE
GUYS?

THEY
LOOKED
LIKE PEOPLE
I'VE SEEN
BEFORE...

チツ
*TCH



*master of Tapas, a yogic practice that releases kundalini energy, which can be used to force boons from the gods





A VERY
LONG...

...TIME
AGO...

IT WAS
A LONG
TIME
AGO...



SEARCH
FOR THE
LAND OF
ORACLE.

REGARDLESS,
THERE IS BUT
ONE THING
WE MUST
DO NOW.





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KUSHAN SCOUTS (2): END

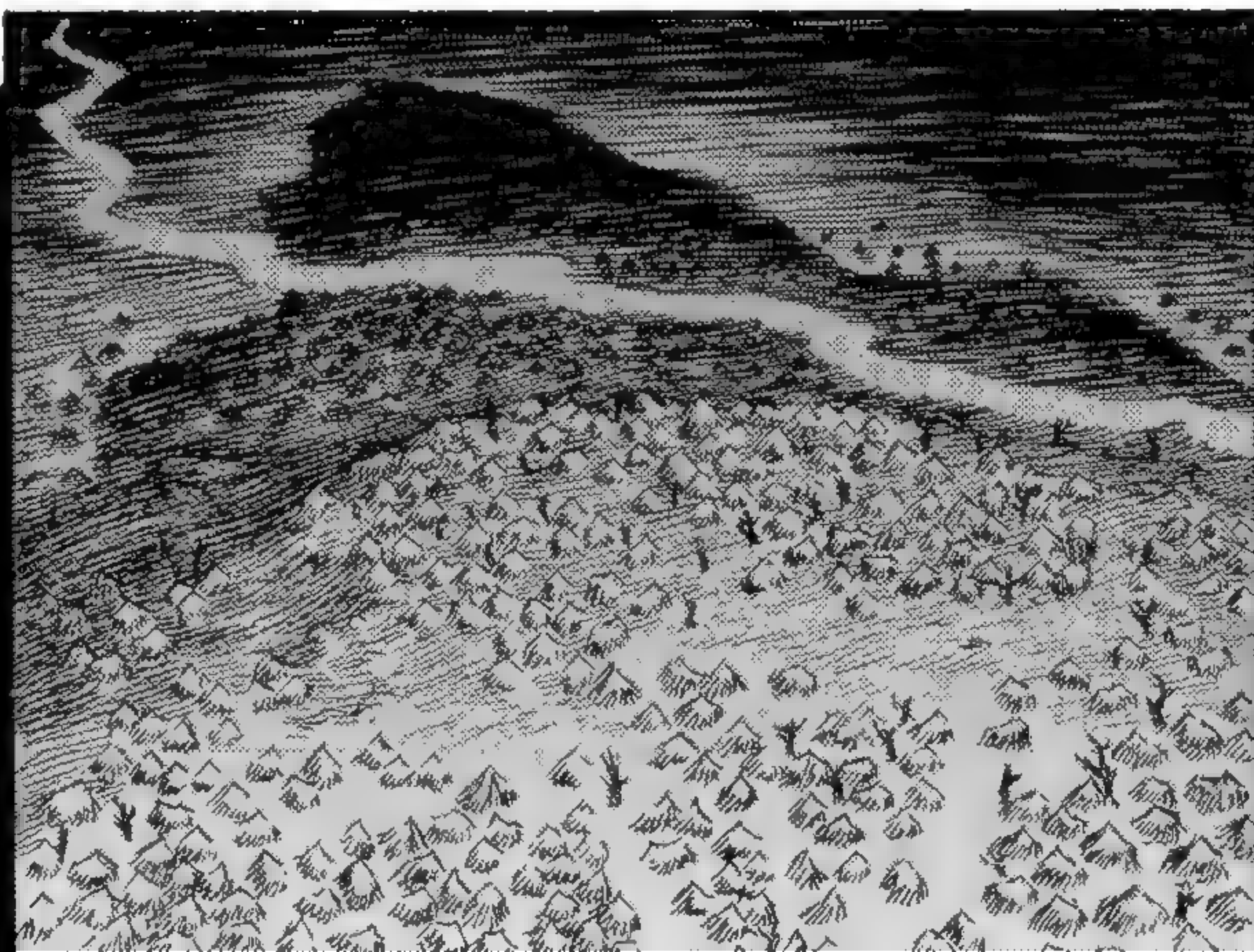
GOHHH OHHH

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BIRTH CEREMONY CHAPTER
TOWER OF SHADOW, PART 1

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生誕祭の章 影の塔①





*FX: FLAPA FLAPA



HERE-
TICS...

THE
WORK OF
HERETICS.



ANOTHER
PRIEST...

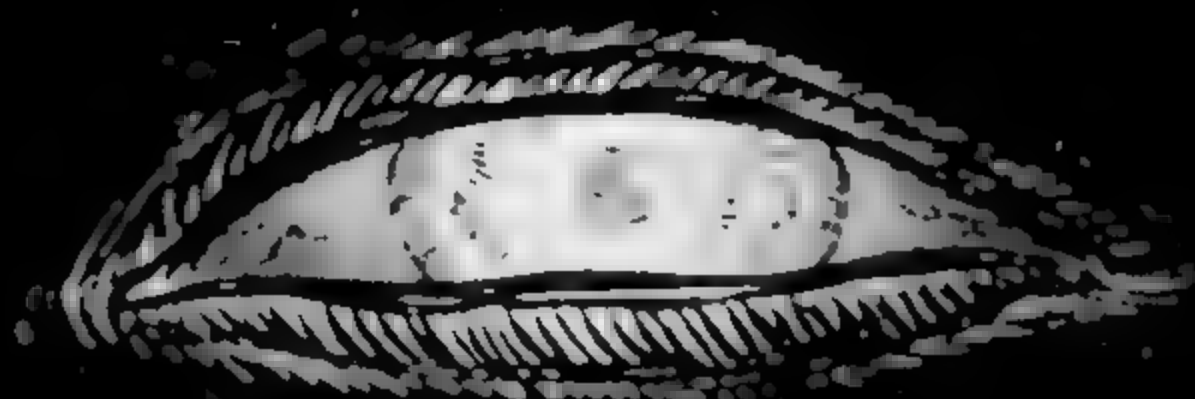
AGAIN
...

*FX: BYEWAAAAW

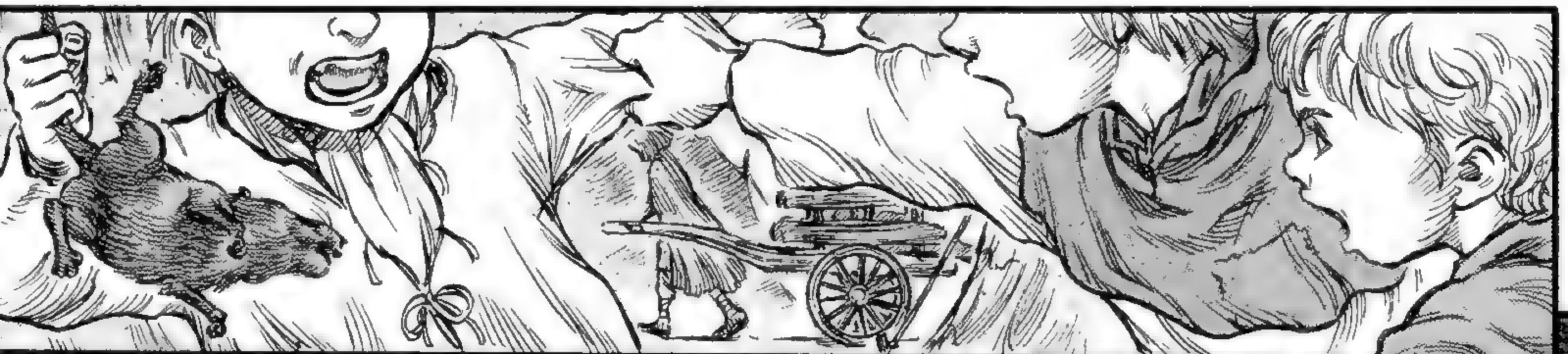
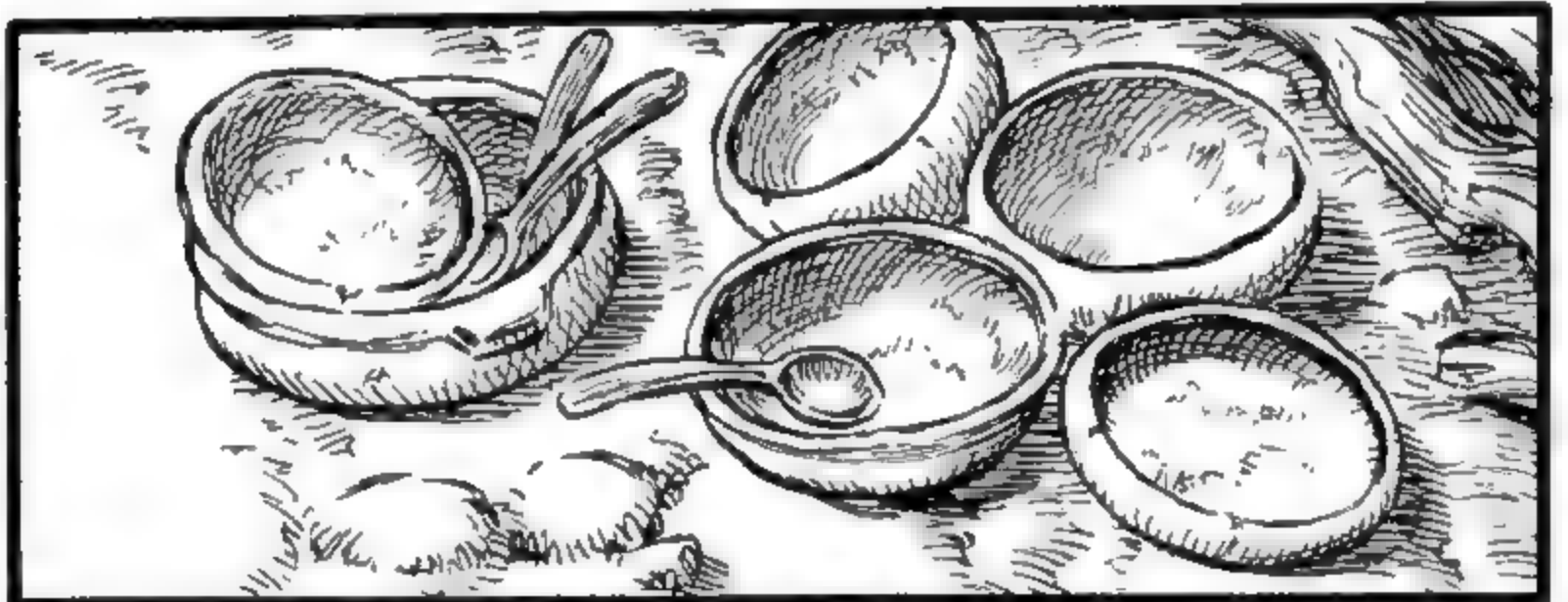
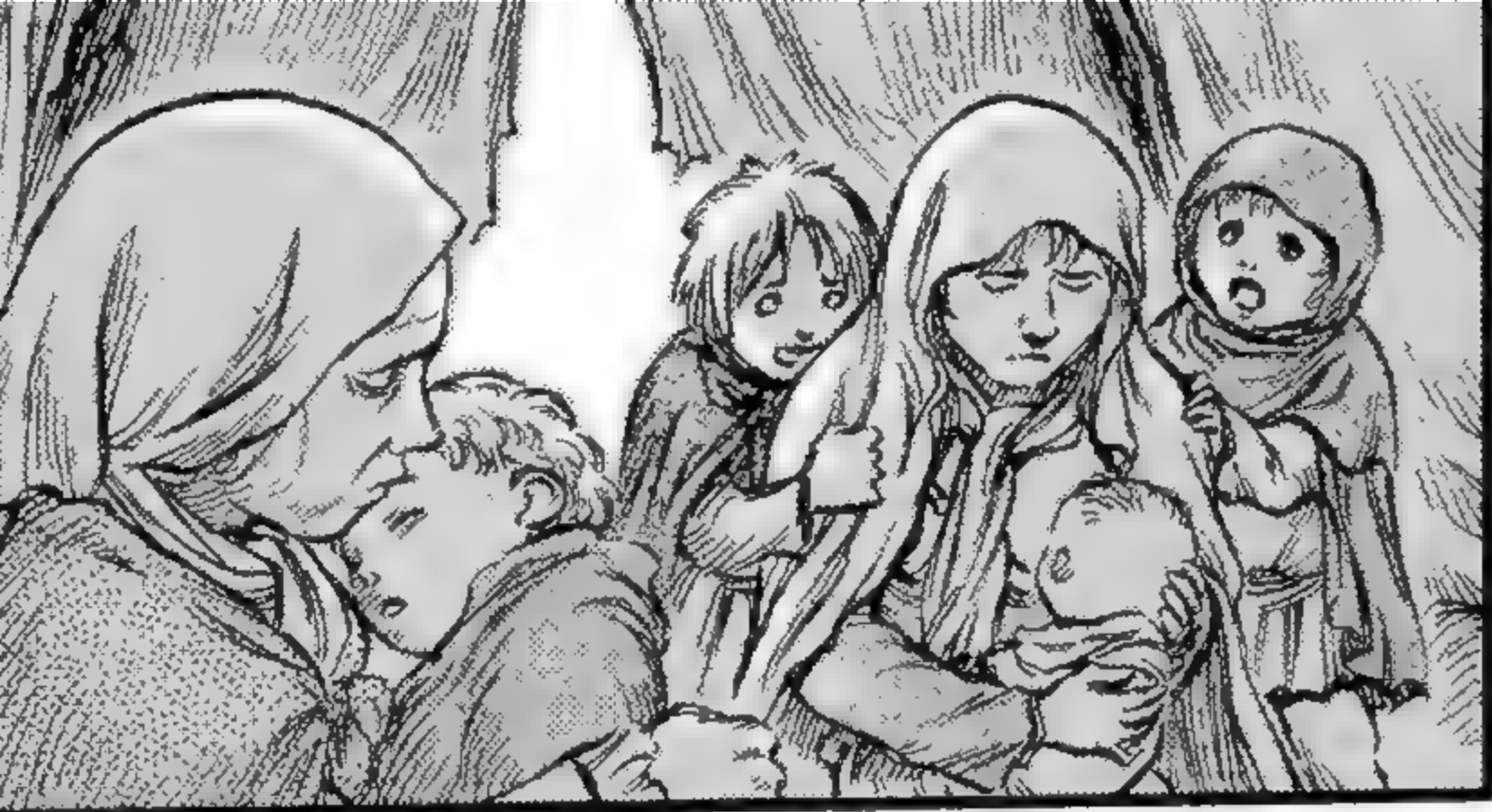


HERETIC
HUNTS WILL
AGAIN
SCOURGE--

SHH!



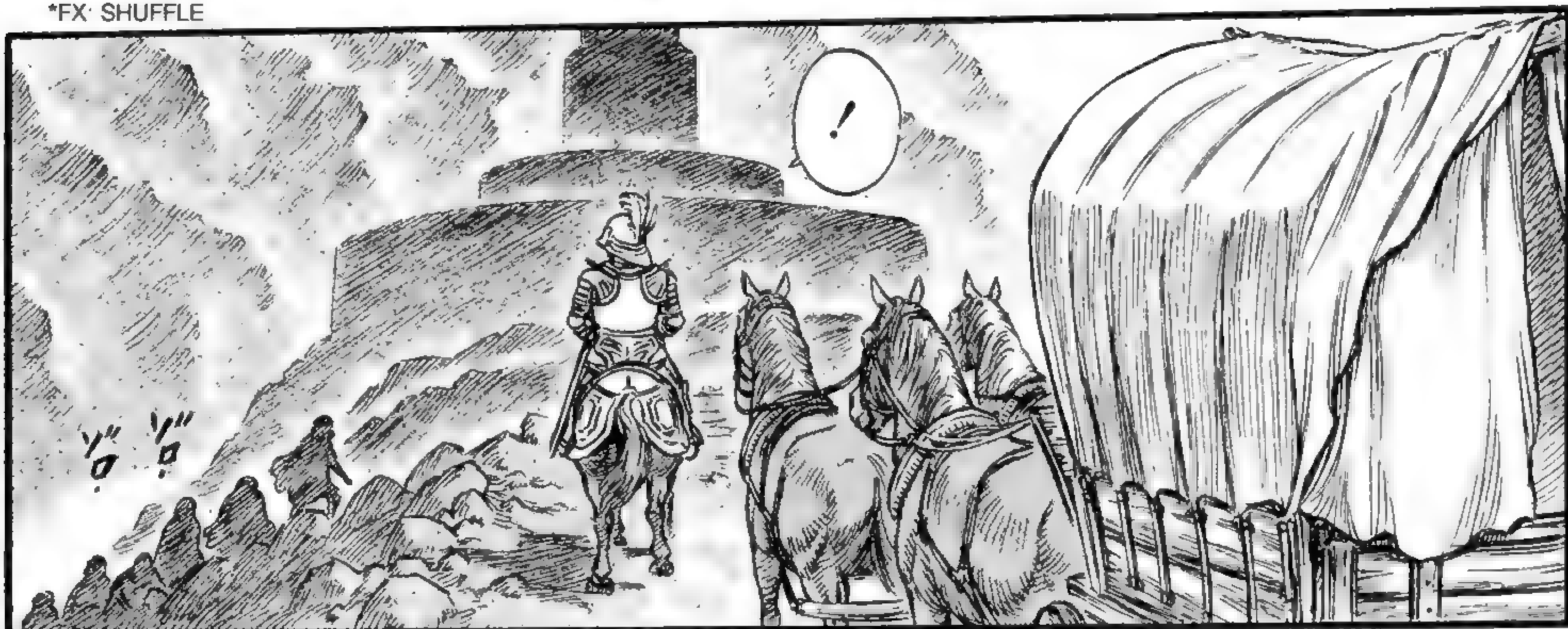






*FX: CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP

*FX: SHUFFLE



CHARITY IS
RATIONED TO
EACH OF YOU
EVERY DAY!!

F-FOOLS!!
THESE ARE
OFFERINGS
TO THE
MONASTERY
!!



ALMS...

PLEASE,
ALMS...





WH-WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?!

PLEASE
HAVE
MERCYYY
!

HAVE
MERCYYY
!

S-
STOP
THAT!!

*RUMMAGE

*RUMMAGE



THAT
VEGETABLE
SCRAP
SOUP
AIN'T
ENOUGH!!

I BET
YOU
PEOPLE
EAT
YOUR
FILL
EVERY
DAY!!



THE HOLY
IRON
CHAIN
KNIGHTS!!

OH,
NO!!



*FX: BDUMP BDUMP





SEIZE THEM
ALL!!
LET NONE
ESCAPE!!



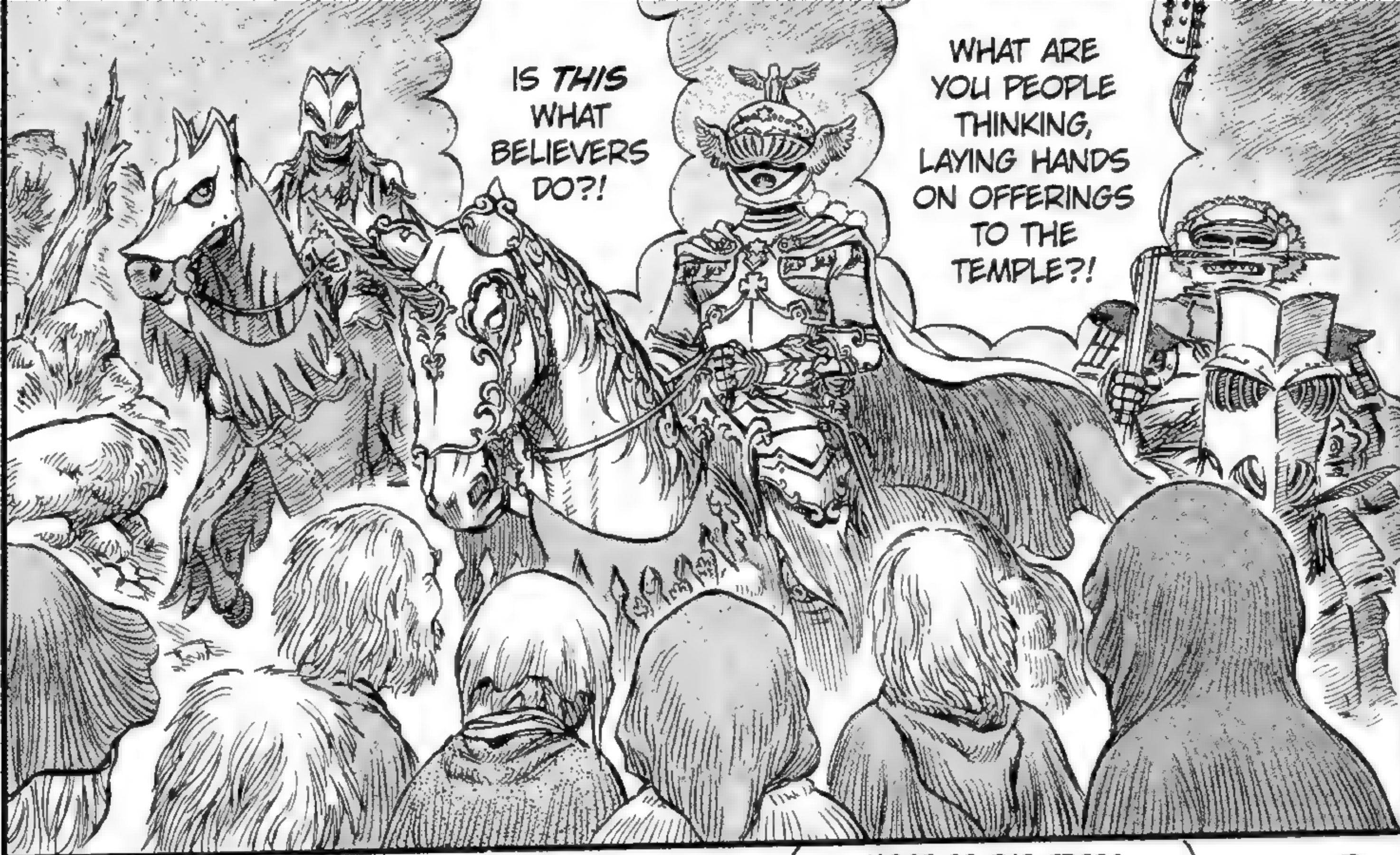
*FX: BDADUMP BDADUMP

*FX: WAHHHHH



THIS IS
ALL OF
THEM.





IS *THIS*
WHAT
BELIEVERS
DO?!

WHAT ARE
YOU PEOPLE
THINKING,
LAYING HANDS
ON OFFERINGS
TO THE
TEMPLE?!

MOST OF THE TREES
AROUND HERE'VE BEEN CUT
DOWN. WE HAVEN'T
FIREWOOD FOR THE WINTER...

THERE
ARE
SICK...

YOU
AREN'T
THE ONLY
ONES
SUFFERING
!!

WE'VE
CALLED ON THE *HOLY*
SEE FOR
PROVISIONS,
MEDICAL
SUPPLIES,
AND OTHER
COMMO-
DITIES!!

OUR
BODIES
JUST
CAN'T
TAKE
THIS.

WE'VE
ONLY
HAD
WATERY
SOUP
FOR
DAYS!

HE NEEDS
GOD'S DIVINE
PROTECTION!!

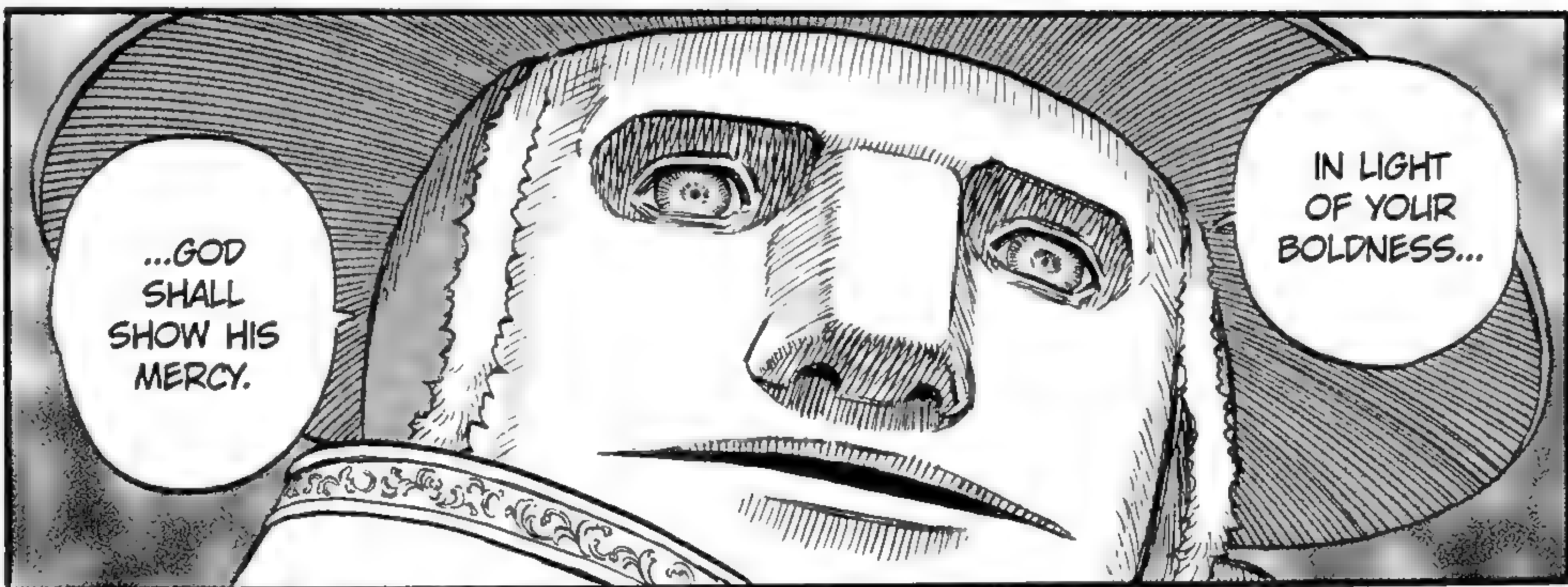
HE'S
ON THE
BRINK
OF
DEATH!

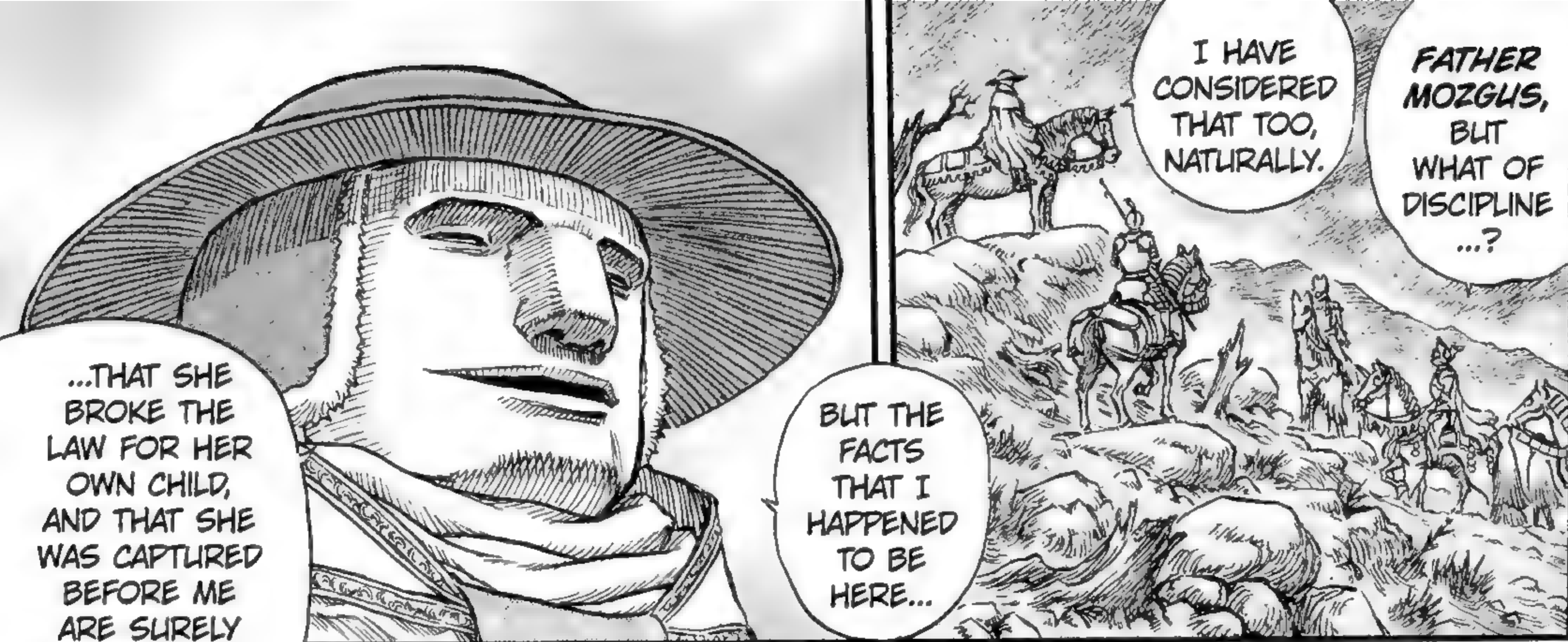
THIS CHILD... I BEG
HASN'T EVEN YOU!
STRENGTH
LEFT TO
NURSE!

WHAT...?



*FX. CLOP CLOP





...THAT SHE
BROKE THE
LAW FOR HER
OWN CHILD,
AND THAT SHE
WAS CAPTURED
BEFORE ME
ARE SURELY
ALL BY GOD'S
GUIDANCE.

BUT THE
FACTS
THAT I
HAPPENED
TO BE
HERE...

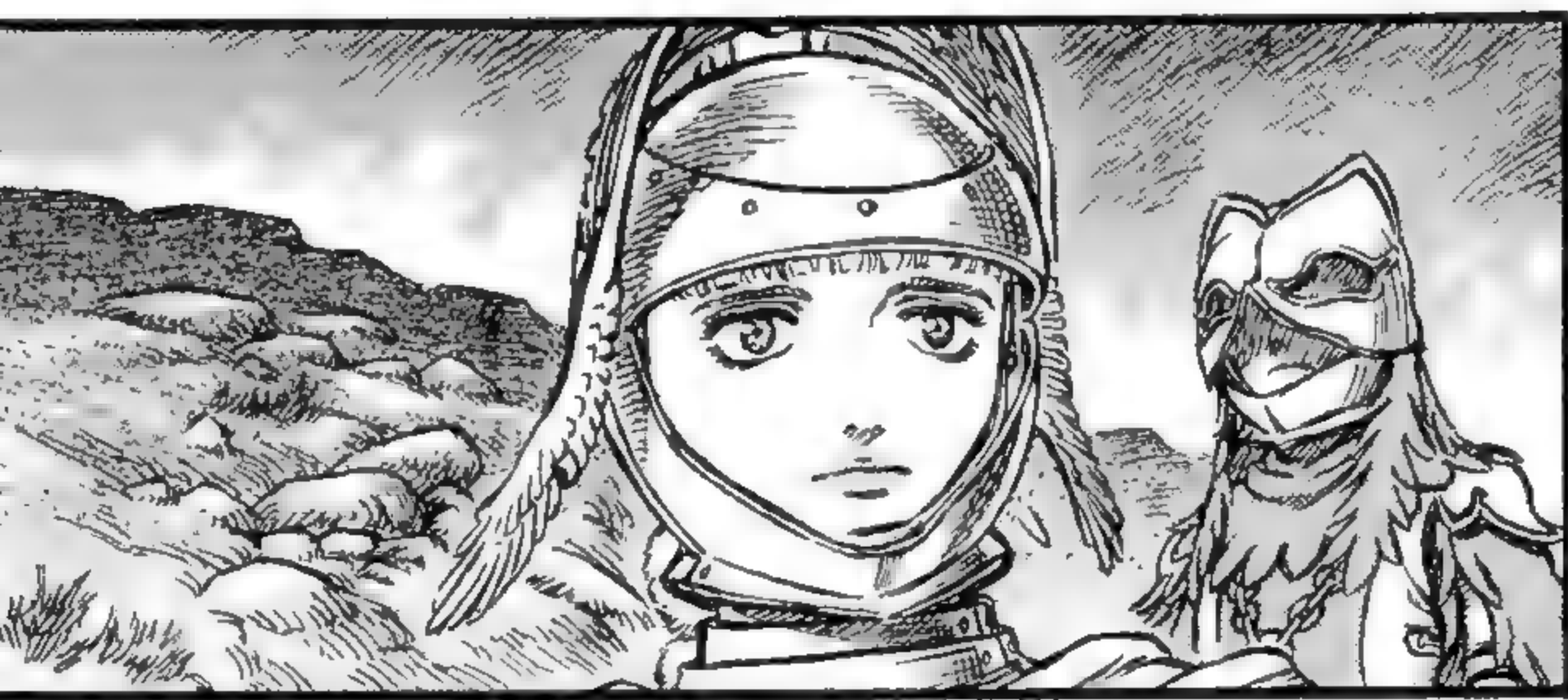
I HAVE
CONSIDERED
THAT TOO,
NATURALLY.

FATHER
MOZGHUS,
BUT
WHAT OF
DISCIPLINE
...?



HER SELF-
SACRIFICING
PURE LOVE
SHALL FIND
REWARD.

I SAY LOVE
NEED NOT
KNOW FEAR.

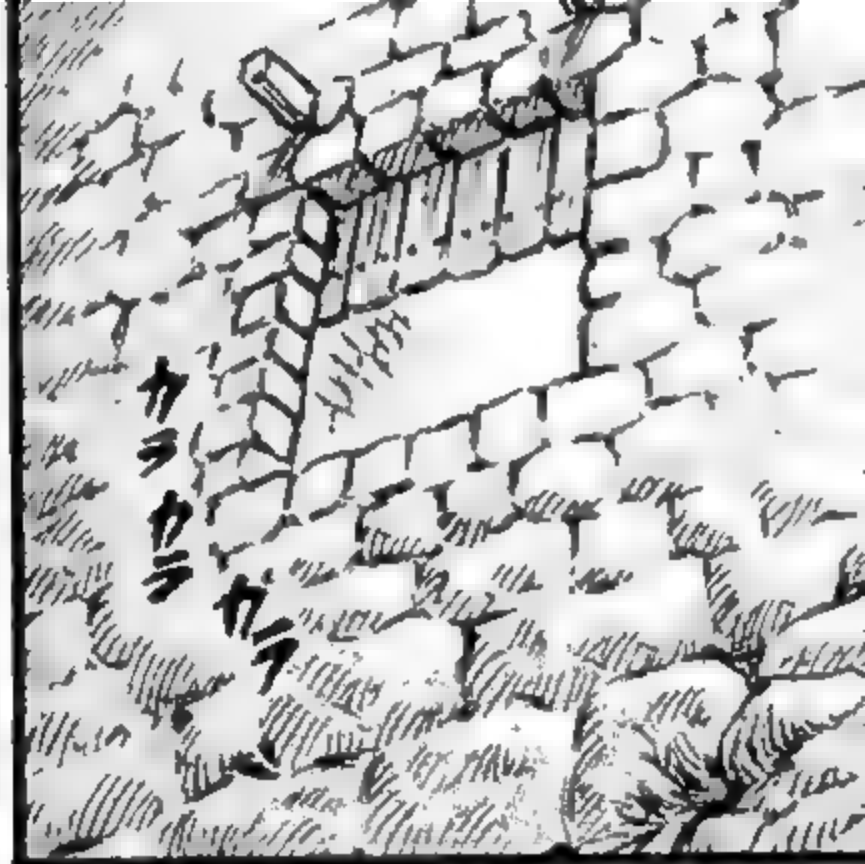


THESE WILL
COME TO THE
MONASTERY
FOR NOW.



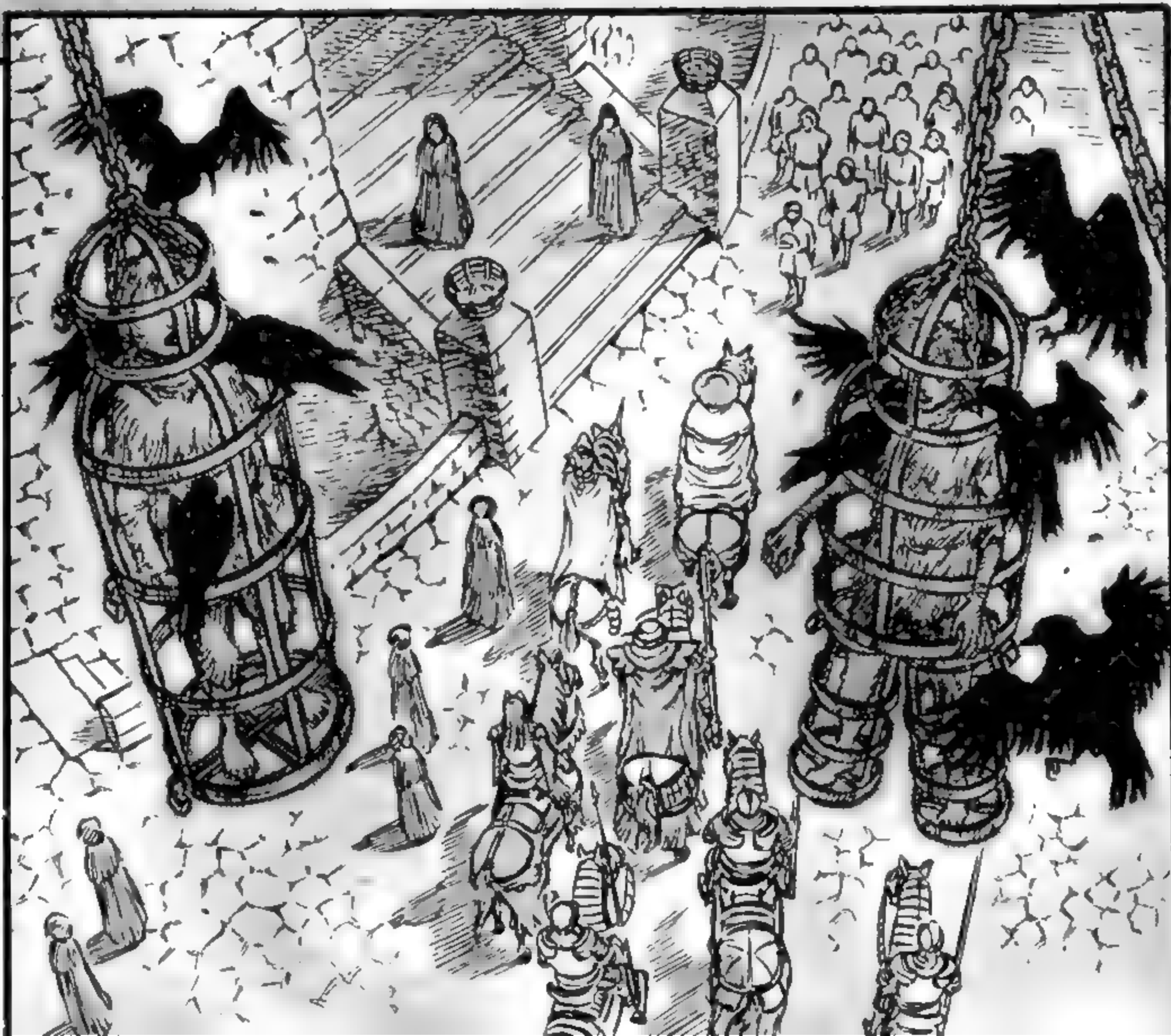
THANK
YOU
SO
MUCH!

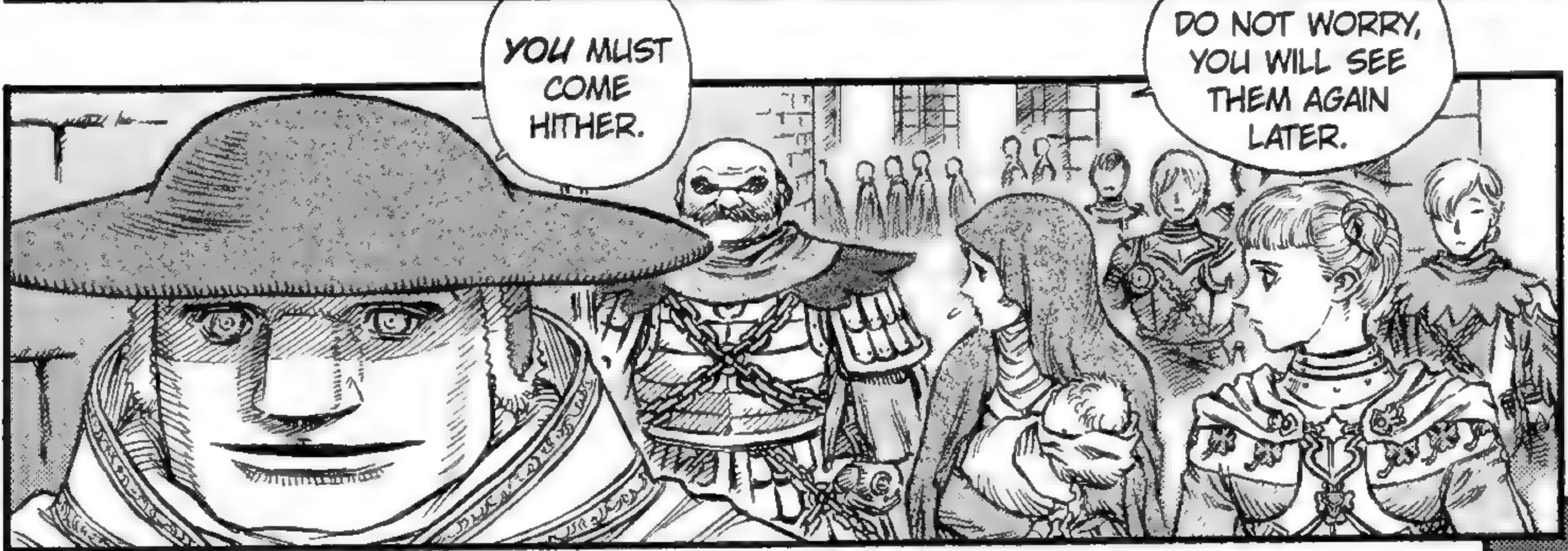
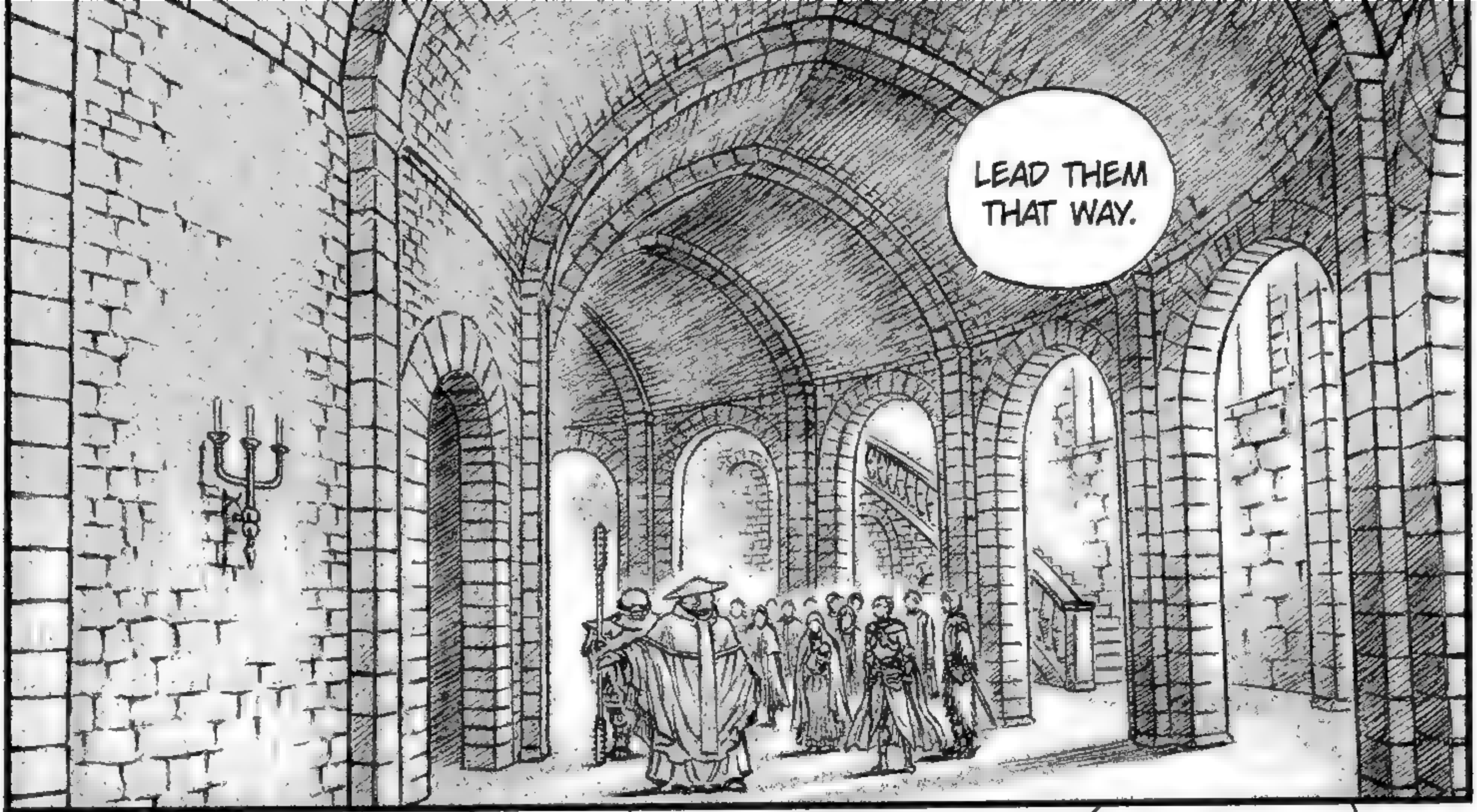
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YOU!

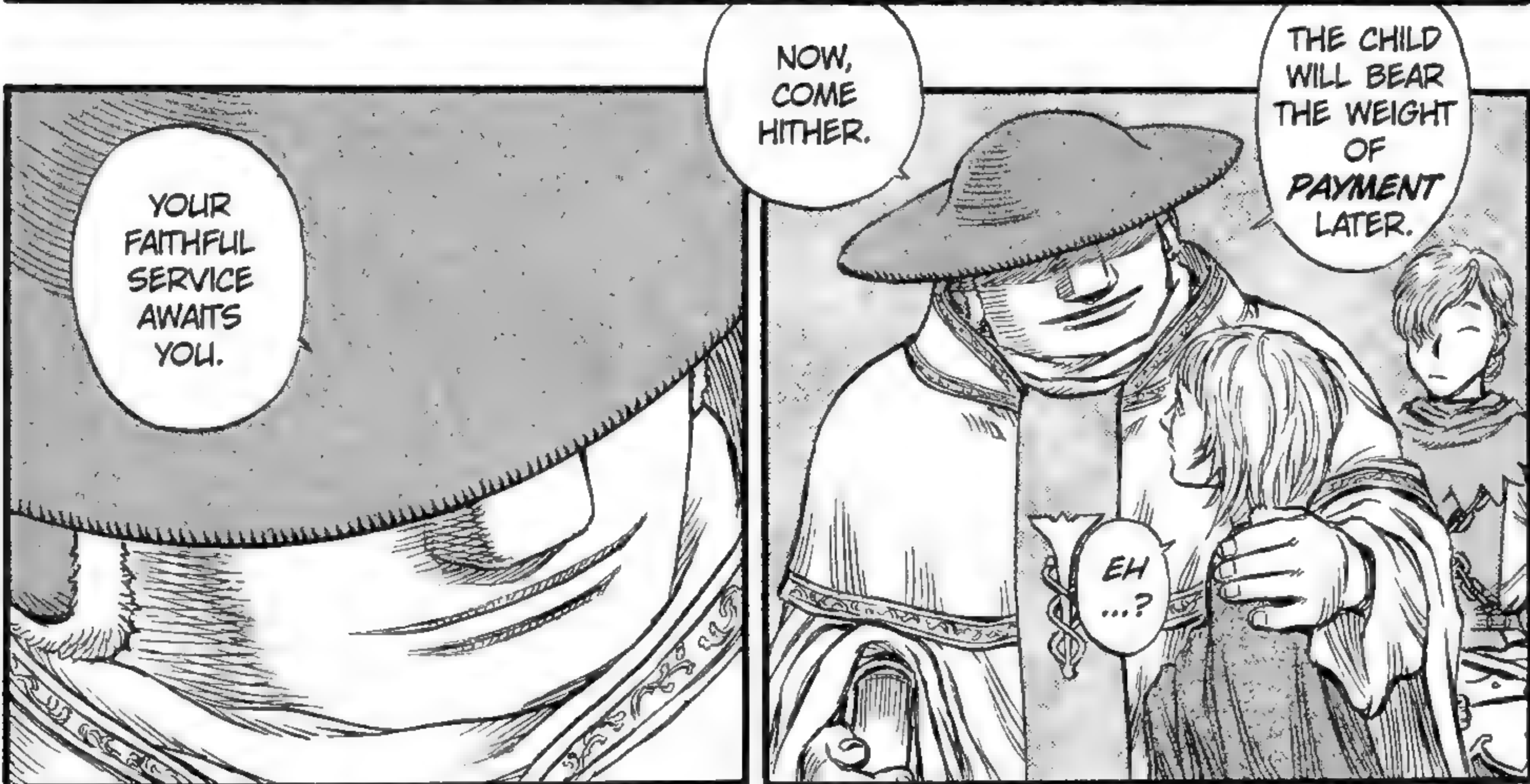
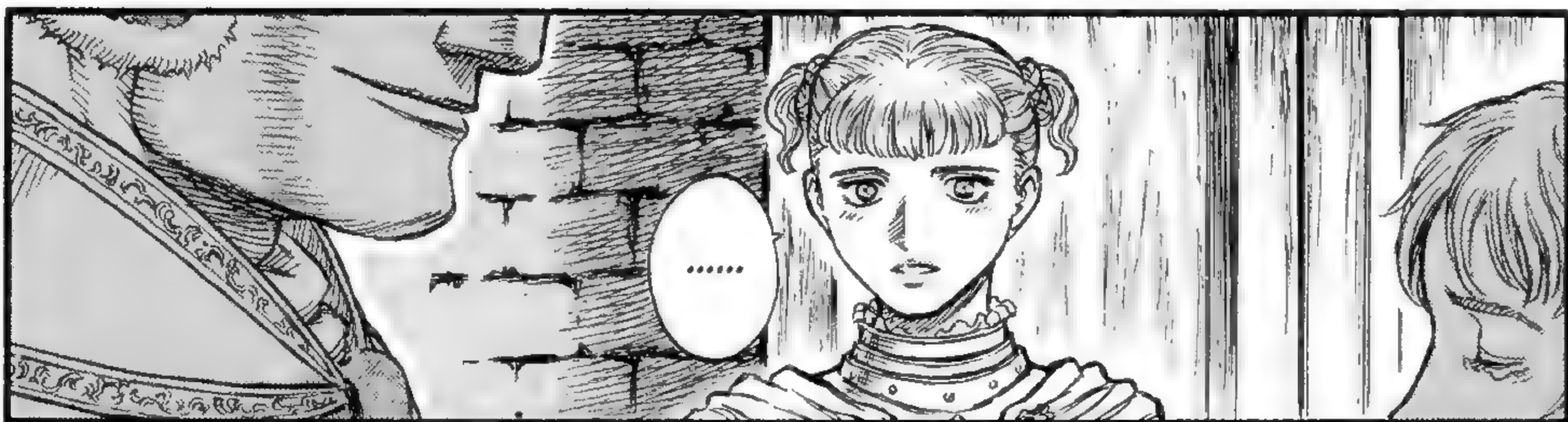


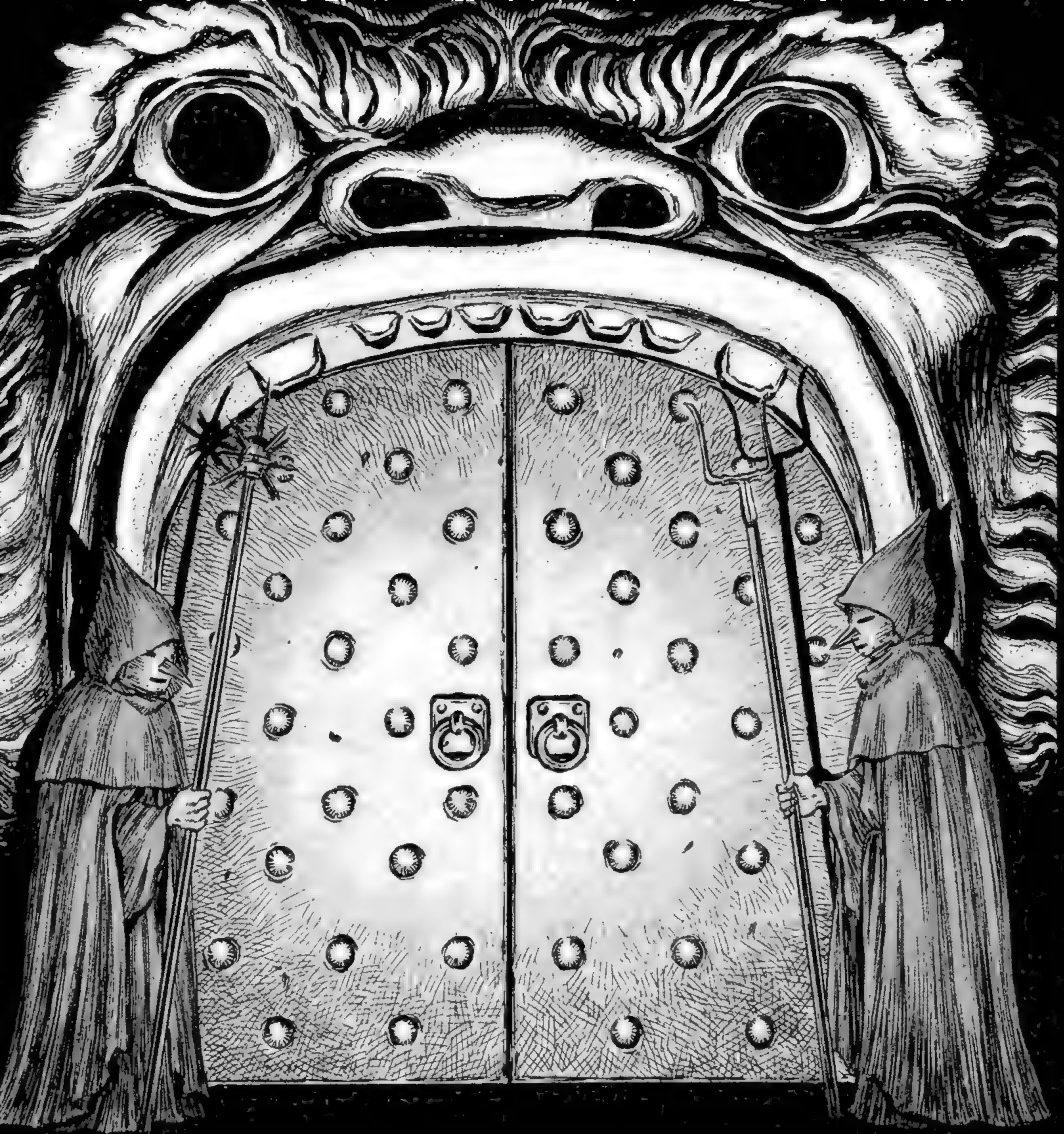
*FX: CLAK CLAK CLAK

*FX SCATTER

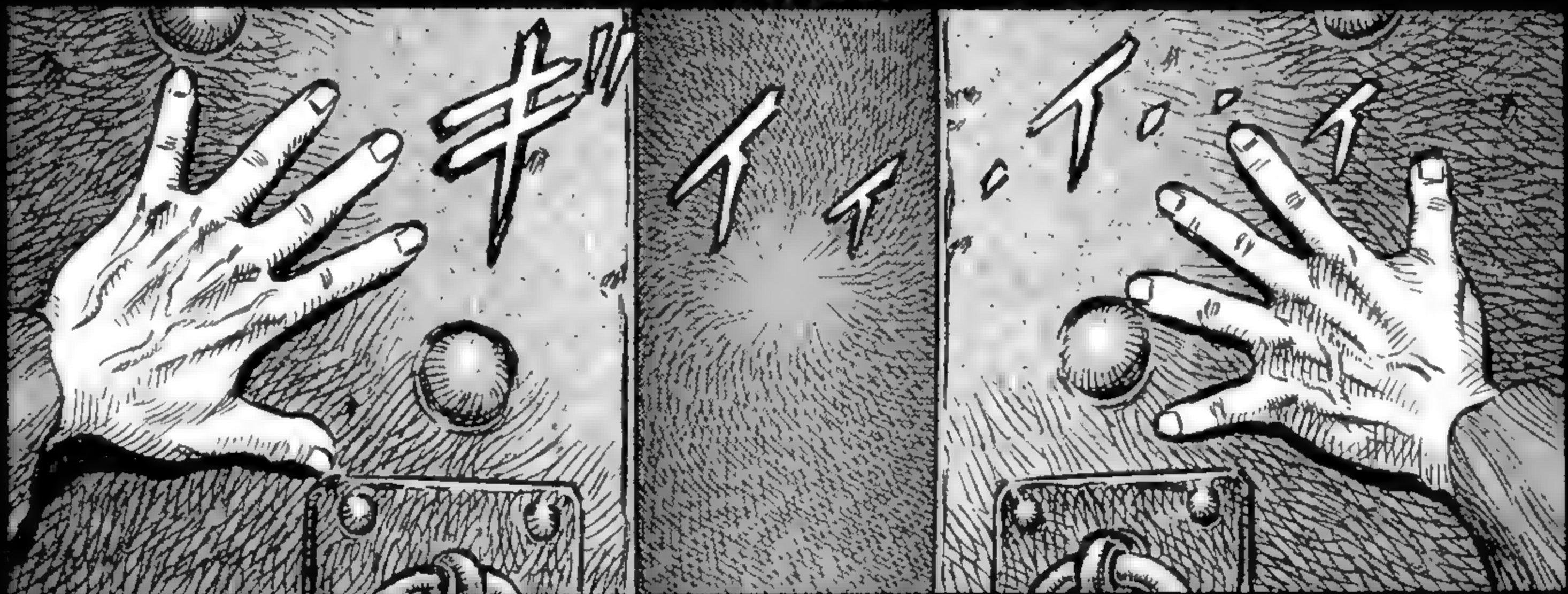




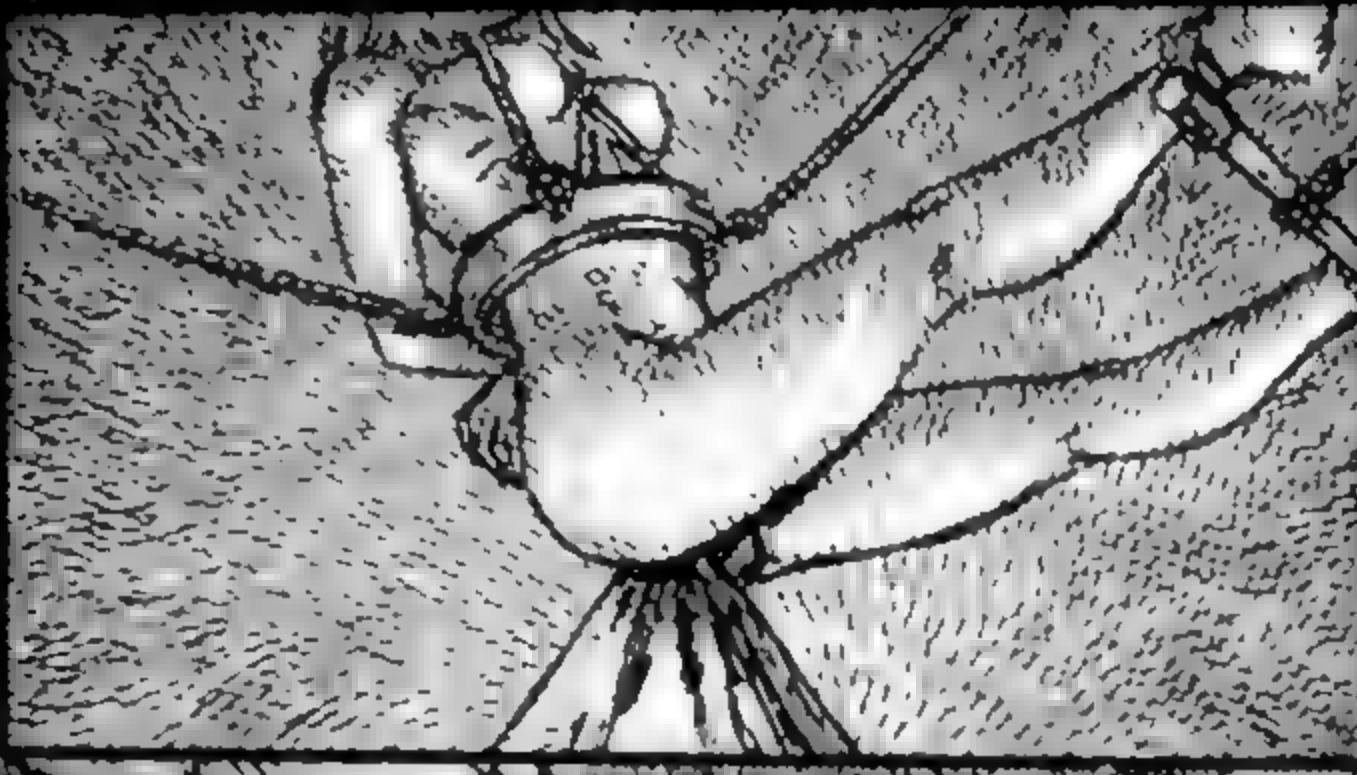
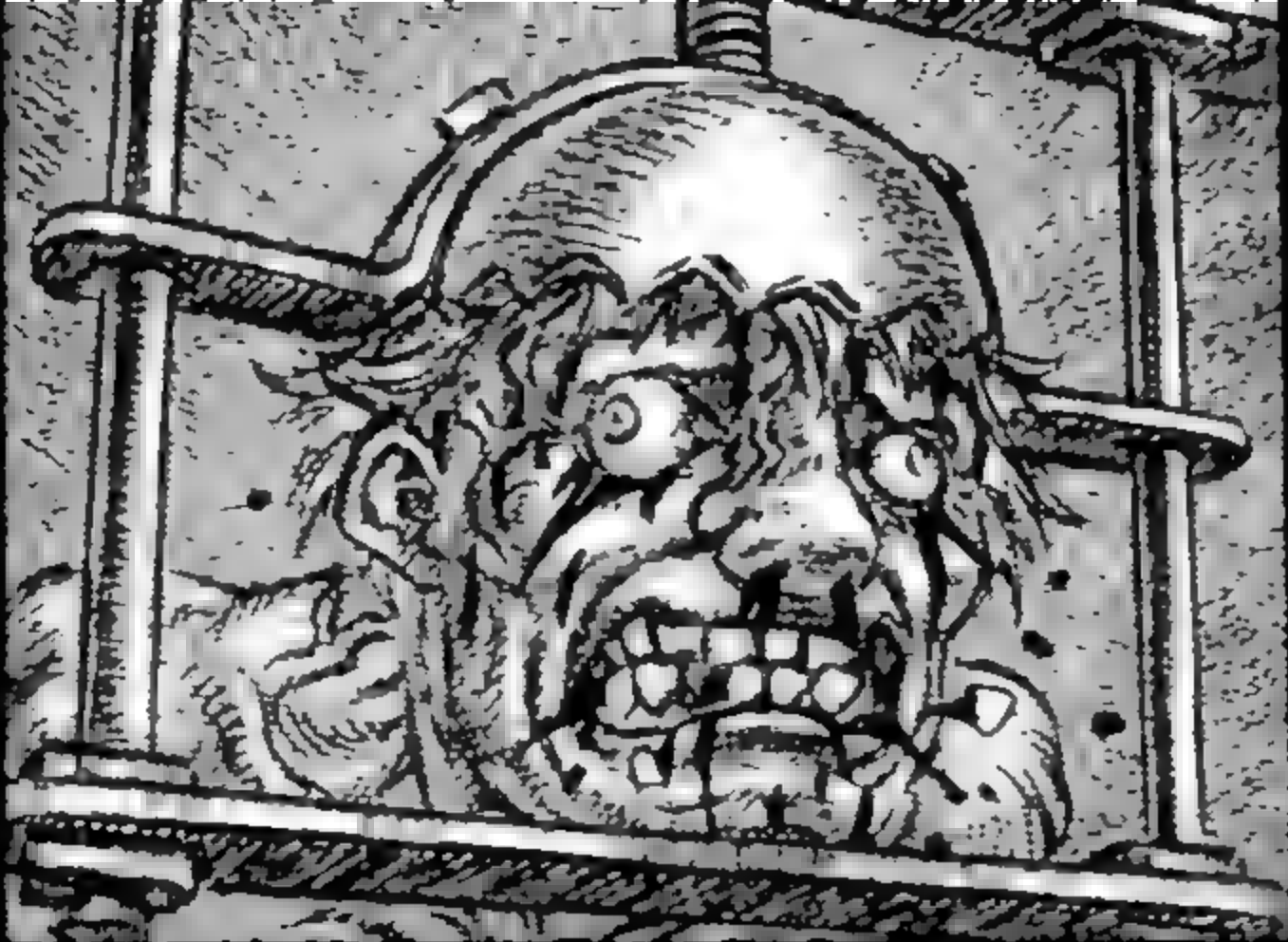




*FX. GREEEEE







THIS IS THE
FIRST YOU
HAVE SET
FOOT IN
THIS ROOM
I BELIEVE,
MISS
FARNESE.



*FX: GYAHHH HYEEEE GHEEEE NGAHHH AGGHHH AHAHH

THE GARDEN OF
THIS HOLY HOUSE
WHERE GOD'S WILL
IS STUDIED... IT IS
DEPLORABLE.

THIEVES,
RAPISTS,
MURDERERS...

THE ENVIRONS
OF THIS **ALBION**
MONASTERY
COMPRISE NOW A
DEN OF SINNERS.

...
HERETICS.

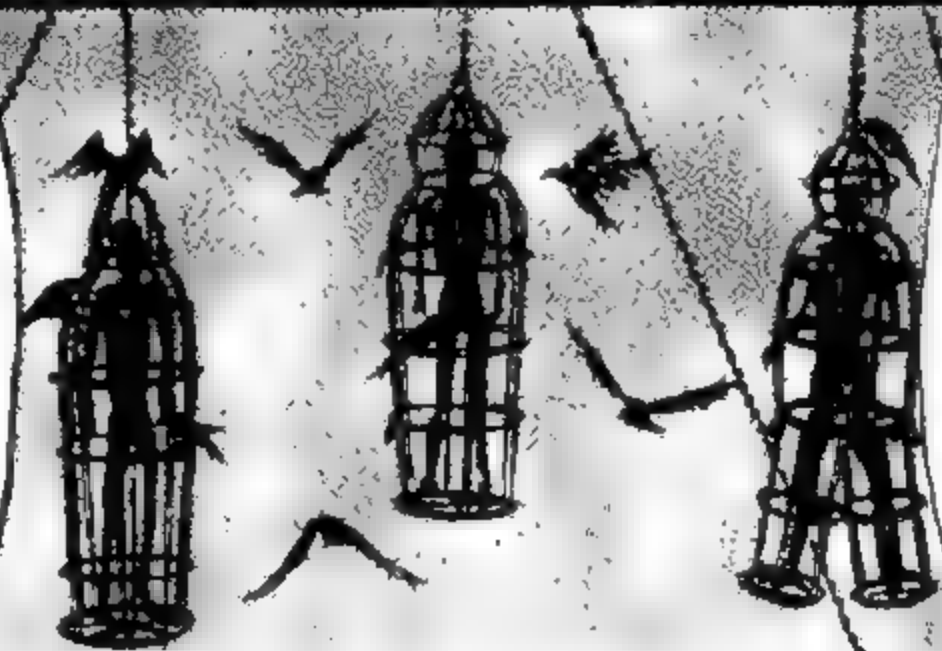
AND
ABOVE
ALL...

HIS MERCILESSLY
PLAYED SKIN AND
ROBES WERE HUNG
UPON THE BOUGH
OF A TREE.



RECENTLY,
ANOTHER MONK
WAS MURDERED
IN THE REFUGEE
SLUM.

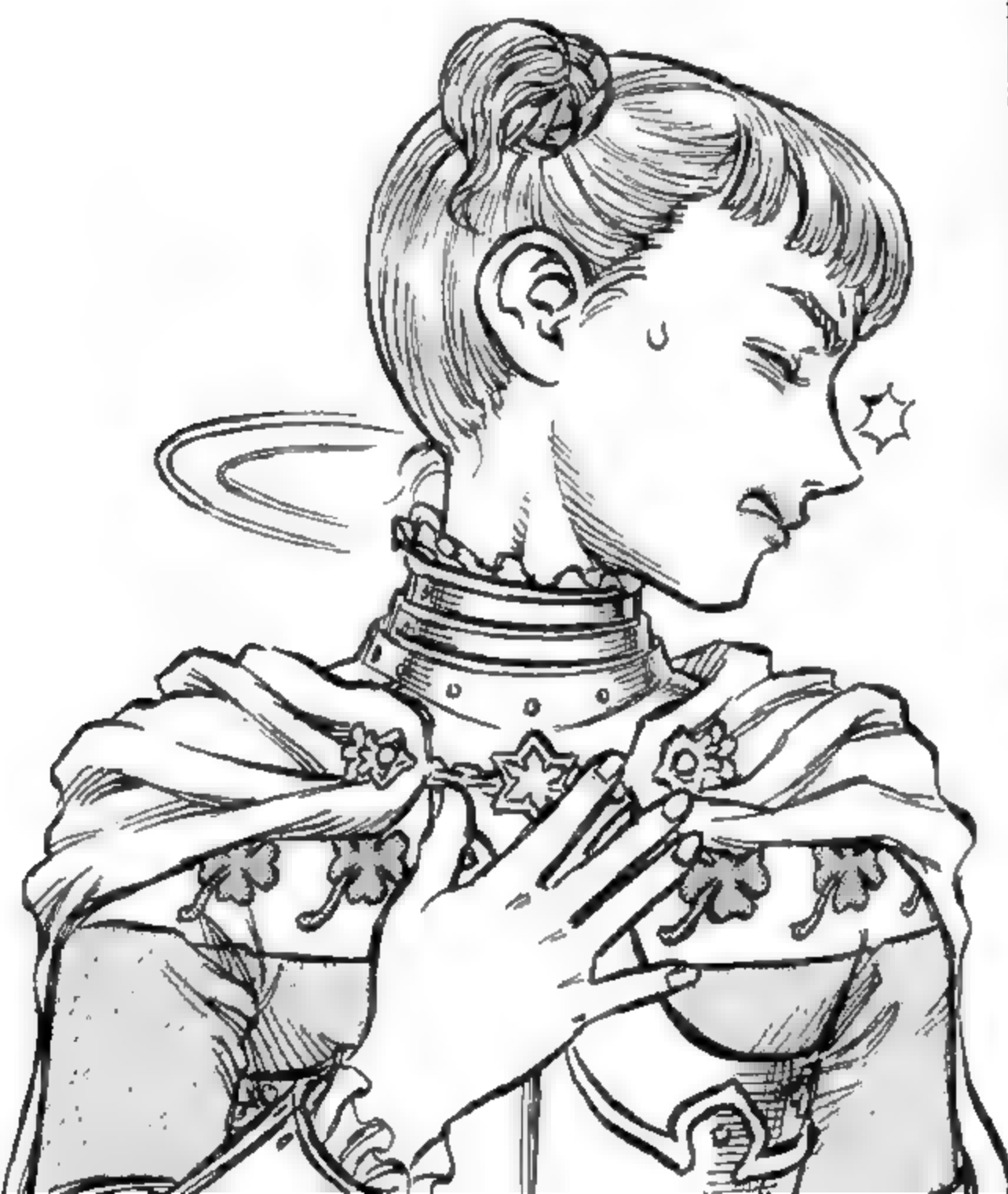
...WE WERE
ABLE TO CAPTURE
MANY SUSPICIOUS
INDIVIDUALS.
UPON INQUISITION,
MORE AND MORE
OF THEM ARE
CONFESSING TO
BEING HERETICS.

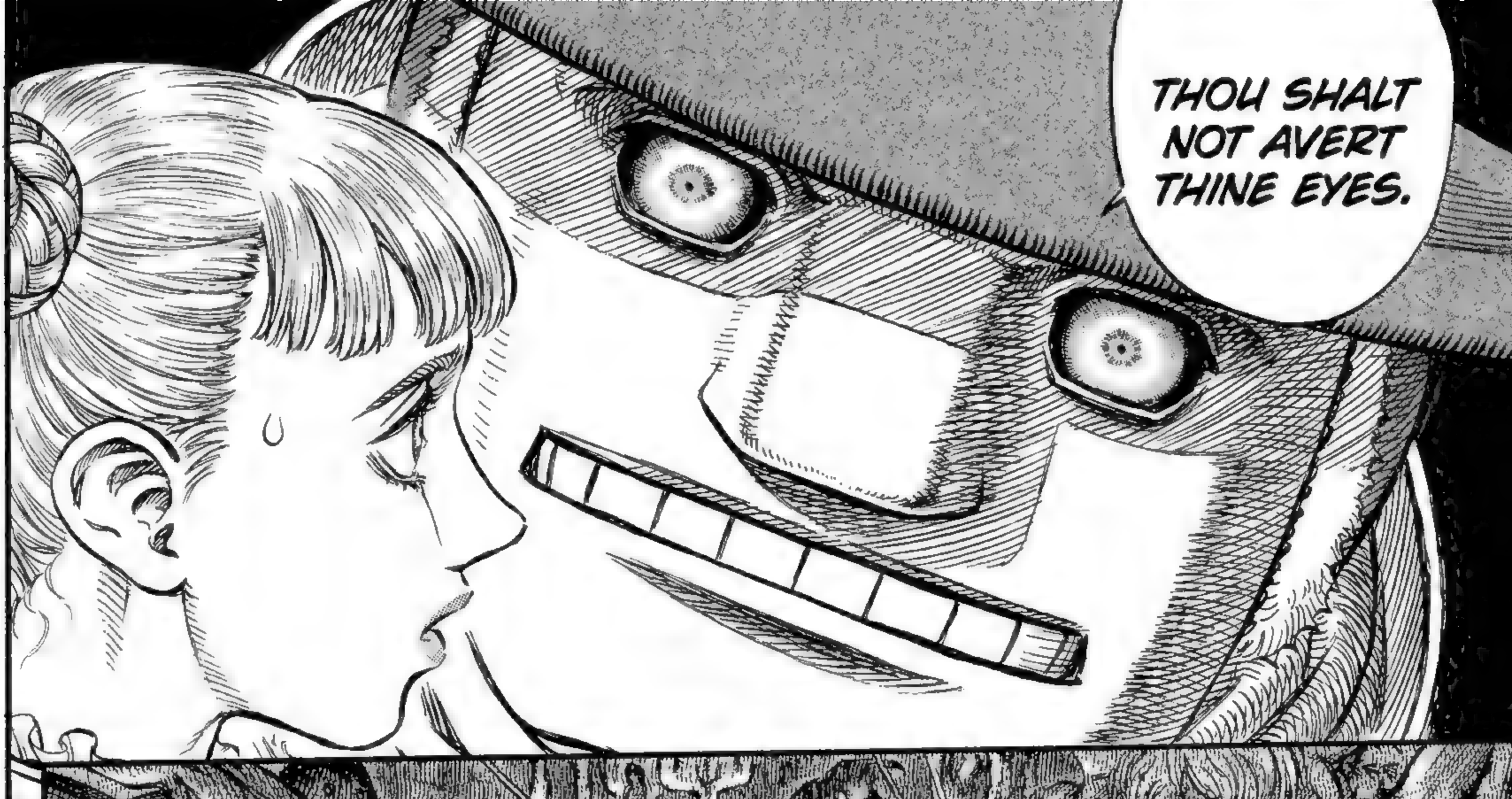


THANKS TO
INFORMATION
SUPPLIED BY
ZEALOUS
BELIEVERS AND
THE DEVOTED
WORK OF
THE HOLY IRON
CHAIN
KNIGHTS...

AND MANY
AMONG THOSE
HAVE BECOME
CONVERTS.
HOW **TRULY**
DELIGHTFUL.

*FX: AIIEEE





THOU SHALT
NOT AVERT
THINE EYES.



GOD DOES
NOT RAIN
BENEVOLENCE
ALONE UPON
THIS EARTH.
HE IS ALSO
A **STRICT**
ARBITER.

THIS
HELLISH
SPECTACLE IS
ONE ASPECT
OF THE HOLY
SEE TO
WHICH YOU
BELONG.



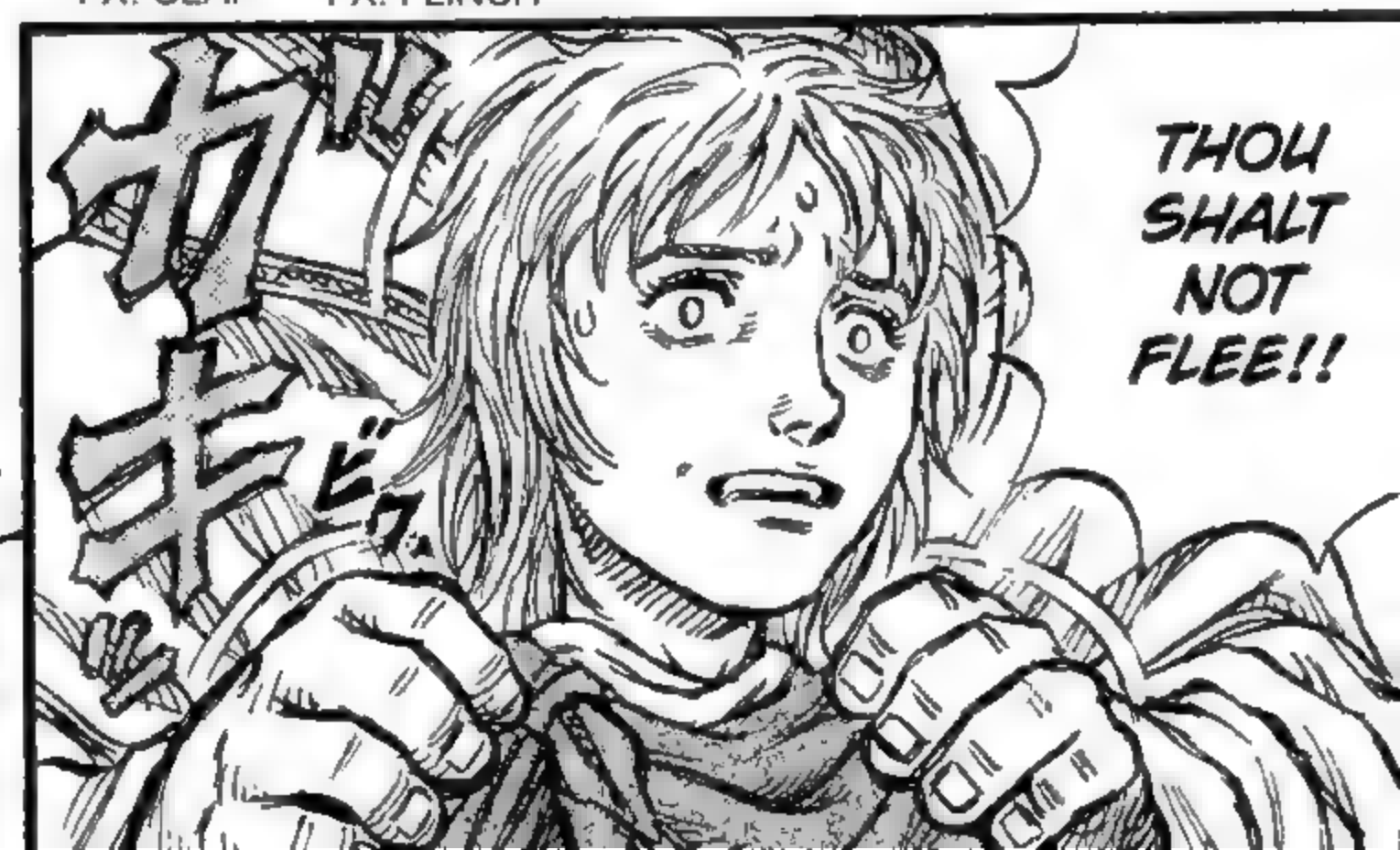
...BUT
**SIN IS
SIN!!**

YOUR
LOVE AND
COURAGE,
WHICH LED
YOU TO
VIOLATE THE
LAW WHILE
TRYING TO
SAVE YOUR
CHILD,
SHOULD BE
EXTOLLED...



IGH...

*FX: CLAP *FX: FLINCH



THOU
SHALT
NOT
FLEE!!

I DO
SO WANT
YOU TO
OVERCOME
THIS TRIAL
PROVIDED
BY GOD!!

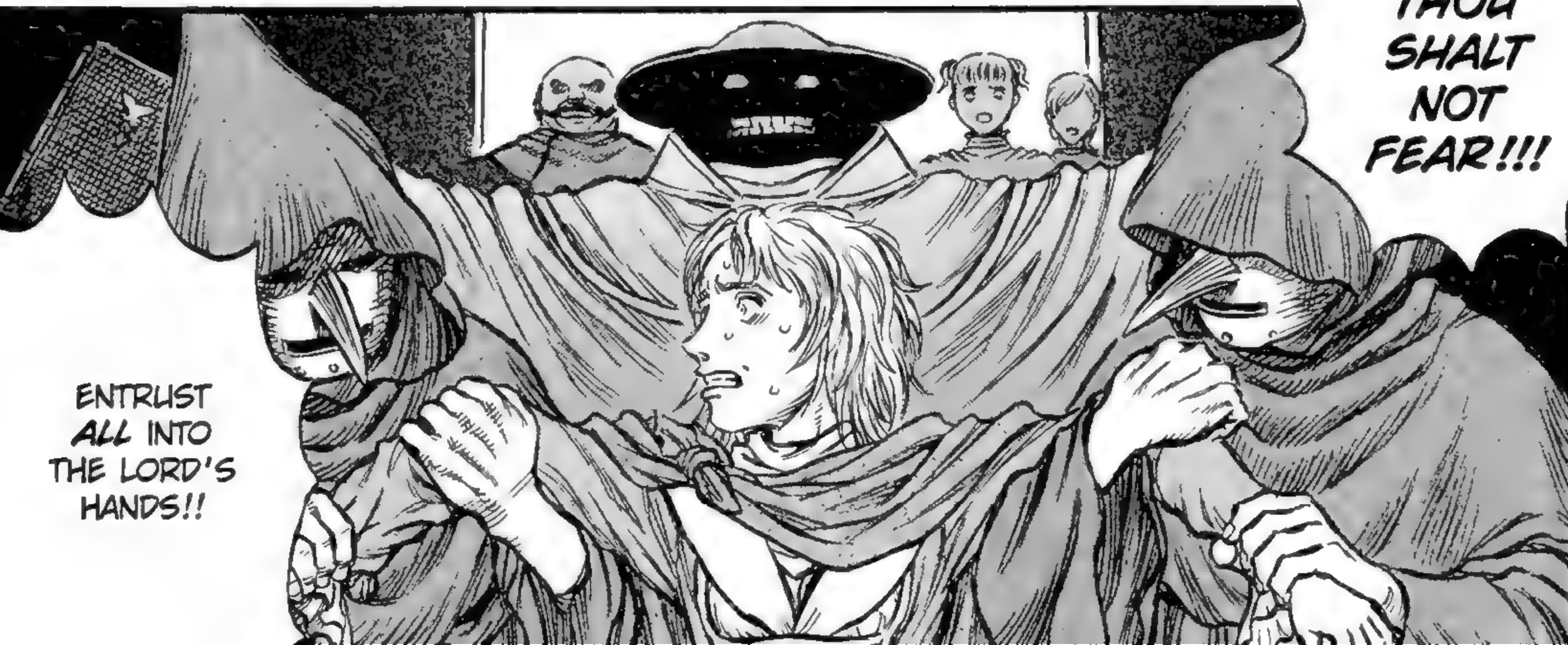
YOU
POSSESS
SUCH
COURAGE
!!



BEHOLD!!
SEE HOW YOUR
BRETHREN
HAVE WAITED
ANXIOUSLY
FOR YOU!!

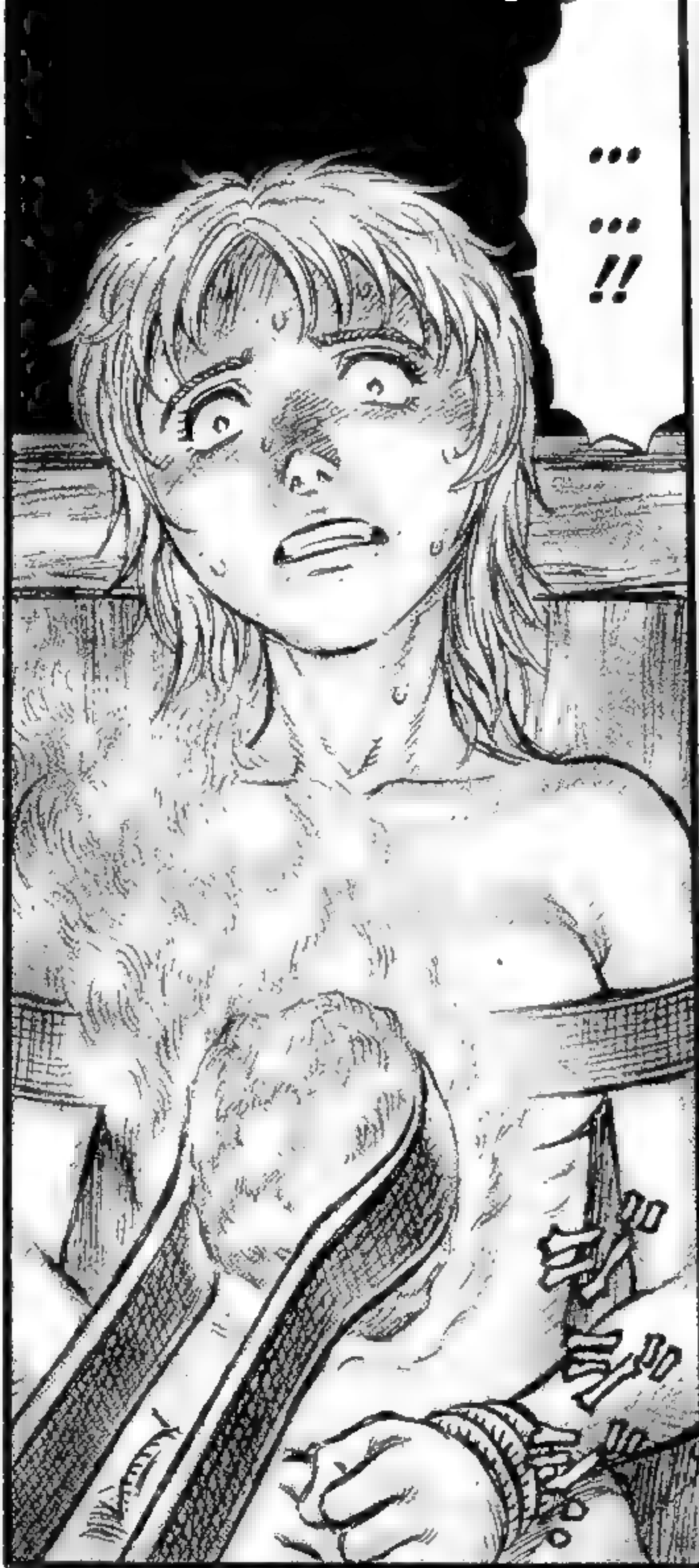
*FX: JSSHHH

*FX: GYAHHHH



THOU
SHALT
NOT
FEAR!!!

ENTRUST
ALL INTO
THE LORD'S
HANDS!!



*FX: SSSSS



*FX: KCHAK KCHAK



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BIRTH CEREMONY CHAPTER
TOWER OF SHADOW (1): END

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BIRTH CEREMONY CHAPTER

TOWER OF SHADOW, PART 2

*CAWWW

*CAWWW

*CAWWW

断罪篇

生誕祭の章 影の塔②

THERE WAS EYEWITNESS
TESTIMONY OF THE
CRIME ITSELF!! WE WILL
INVESTIGATE THAT NEXT!!

I
AIN'T NO
HERETIC!

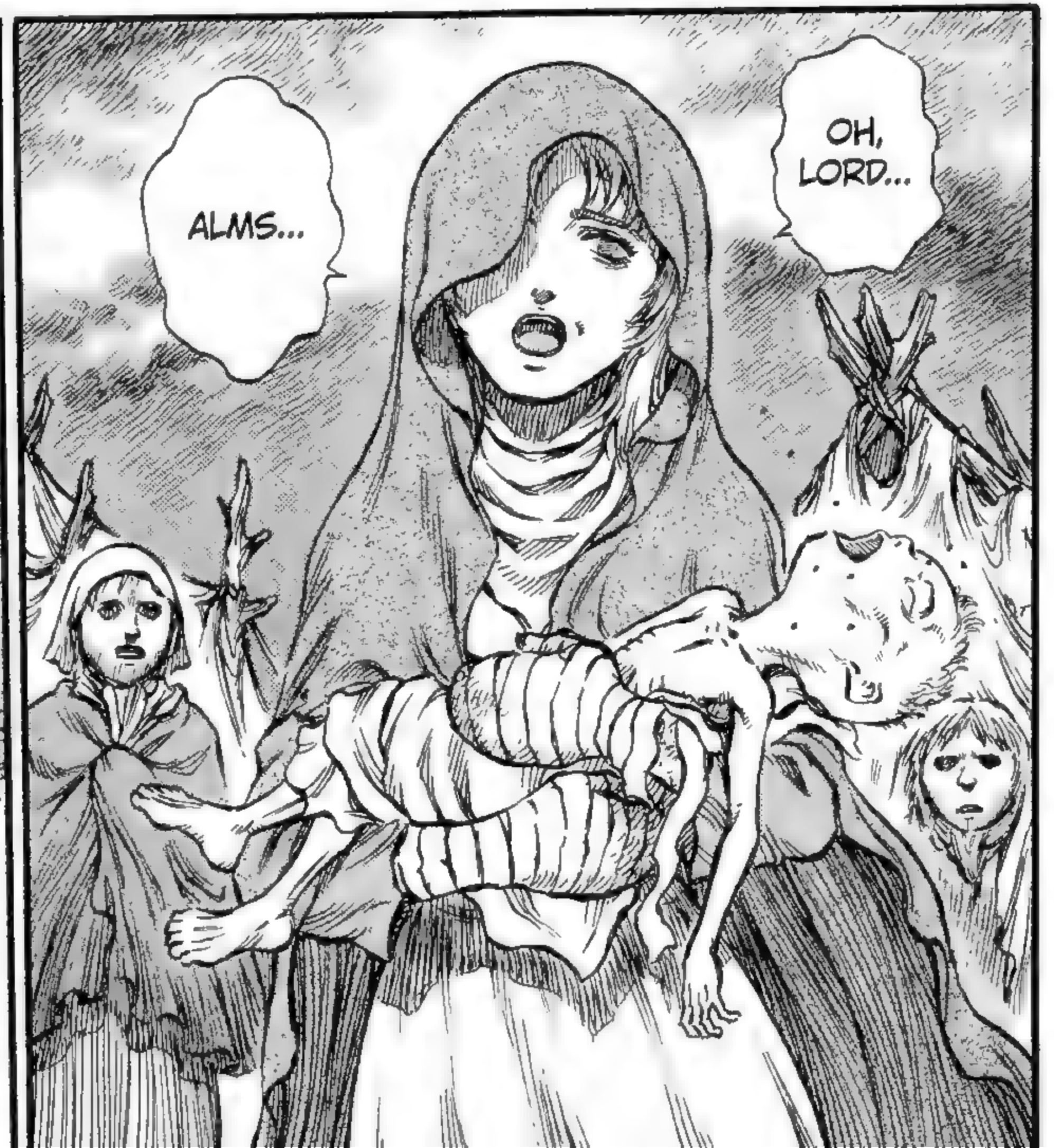
L-LEMME GO!
I AIN'T
KILLED NO
PRIESTS...!



*FX: HAI



*FX: STAGGER





WHEN I
COME BACK,
I SWEAR
I'LL KILL
YOU!!

I'LL KILL
YOU...!!



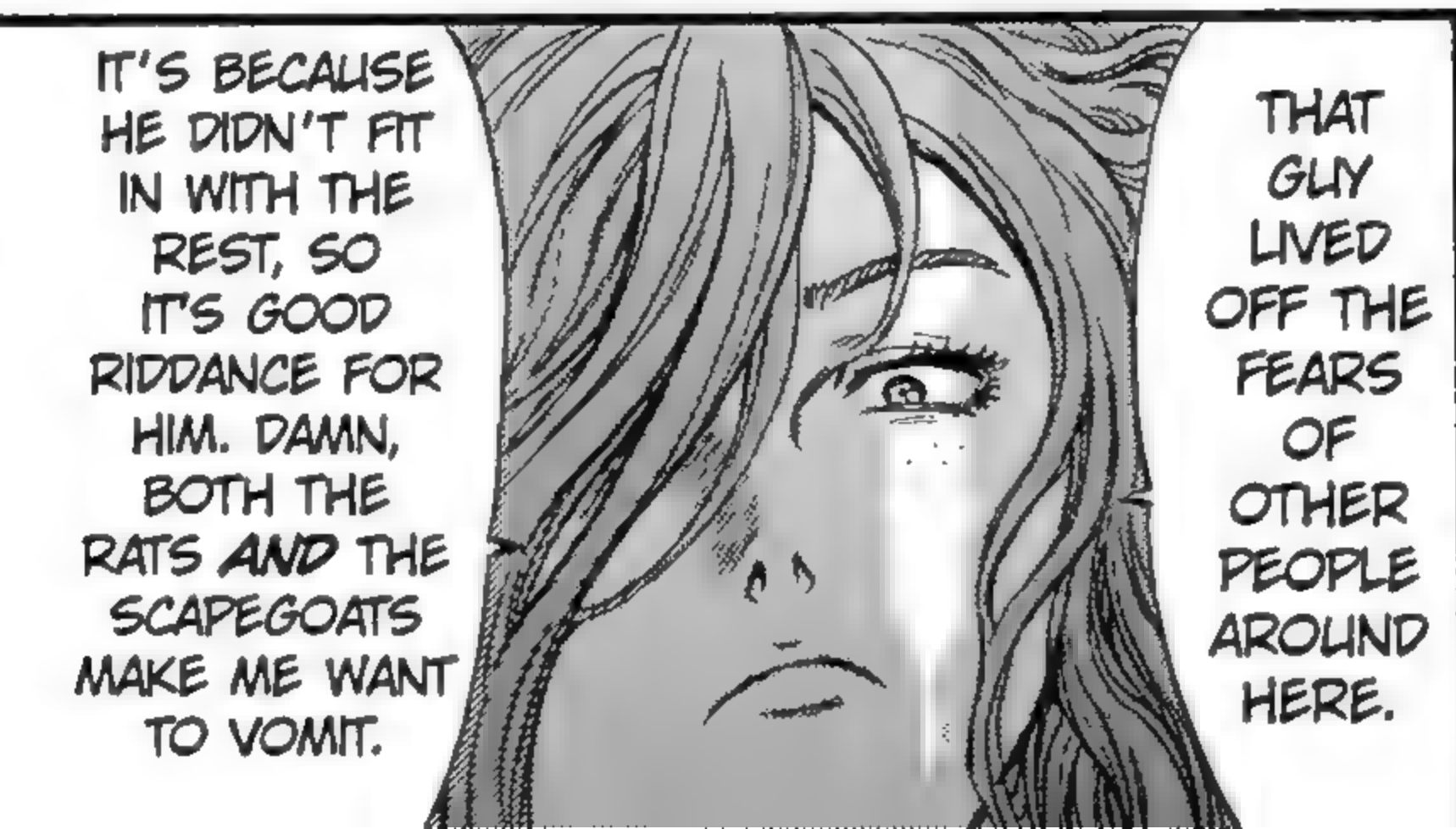
WHO
SET ME
UP?!

GODDAMMIT!!
WHO DID
THIS?!



BRING
HIM
ALONG.

GAH
HH!



IT'S BECAUSE
HE DIDN'T FIT
IN WITH THE
REST, SO
IT'S GOOD
RIDDANCE FOR
HIM. DAMN,
BOTH THE
RATS AND THE
SCAPEGOATS
MAKE ME WANT
TO VOMIT.

THAT
GLY
LIVED
OFF THE
FEARS
OF
OTHER
PEOPLE
AROUND
HERE.



AH,
WELL
...

DAMN
YOUUU...



HEY,
HOW ABOUT
A LITTLE
FOCUS.

OH!
WHOOPS,
I'M
SORRY.

IT'S NOT THAT.
YOU'RE SPECIAL--
YOU COME HERE
THIS WAY
EVERY DAY.

GLAD I'M
NOT JUST
A JOB.

YOUR FELLOW
SOLDIERS
ARE HARD AT
WORK OUT
THERE...

...BUT
YOU'RE
HERE EVEN
BEFORE
SUNSET...

YOU
DON'T
LIKE IT
?

IS THIS
OKAY,
THOUGH?

"SHE'S NOT AS
SKILLED AS A
MAN, NOR DOES
SHE EXCEL IN
COMMAND."

"WELL, IT *IS*
TRADITION THAT
THE LEADER OF
THE HOLY IRON
CHAIN KNIGHTS
BE A WOMAN,
BUT IF SHE'S
ORNAMENTAL, I
WISH SHE'D TRY
HARDER TO *ACT*
LIKE IT."

"SHE OPENS
HER MOUTH
AND IT'S DUTY,
FAITH, OR
SOME CRAZY
ORDER..."

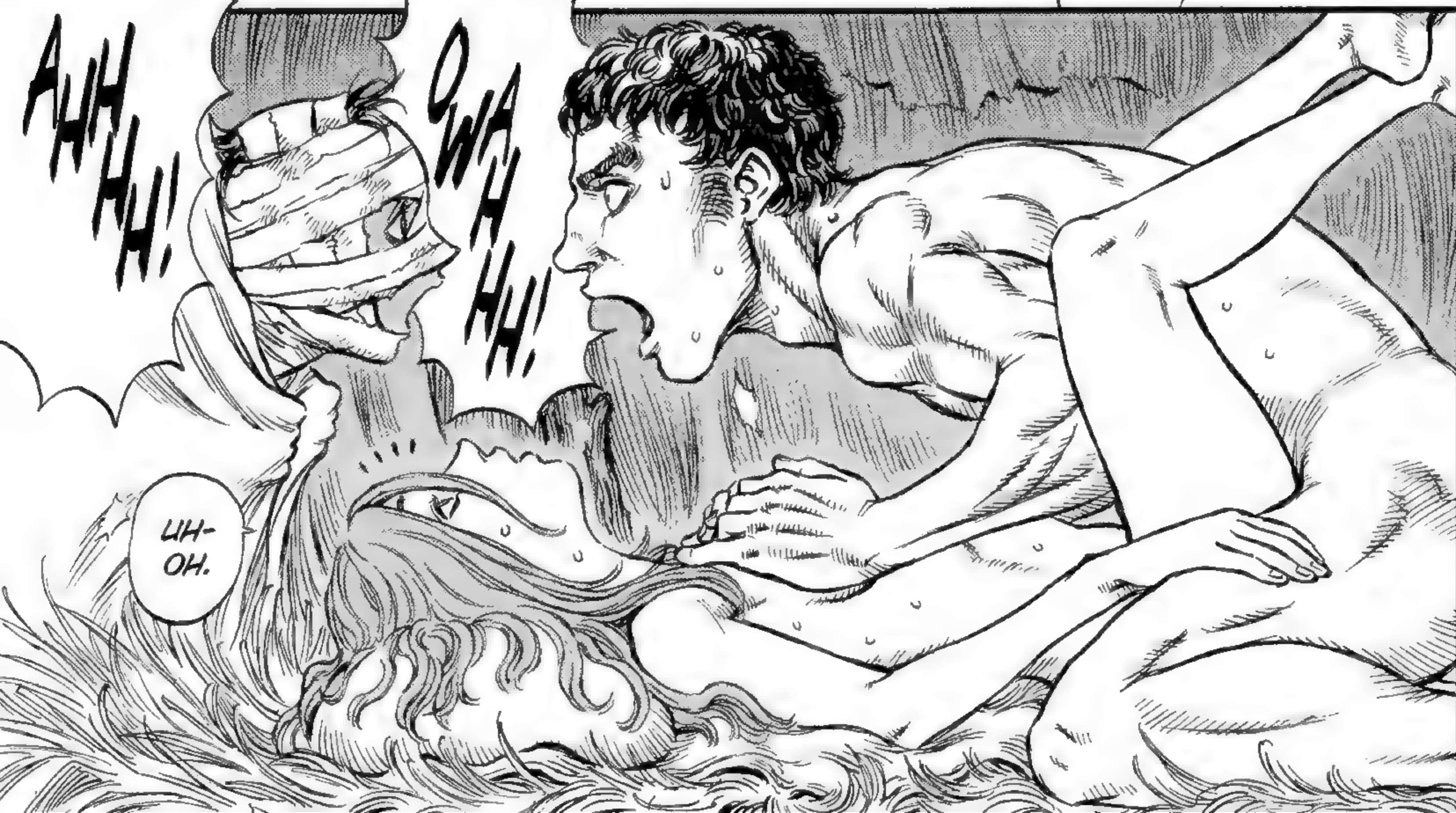
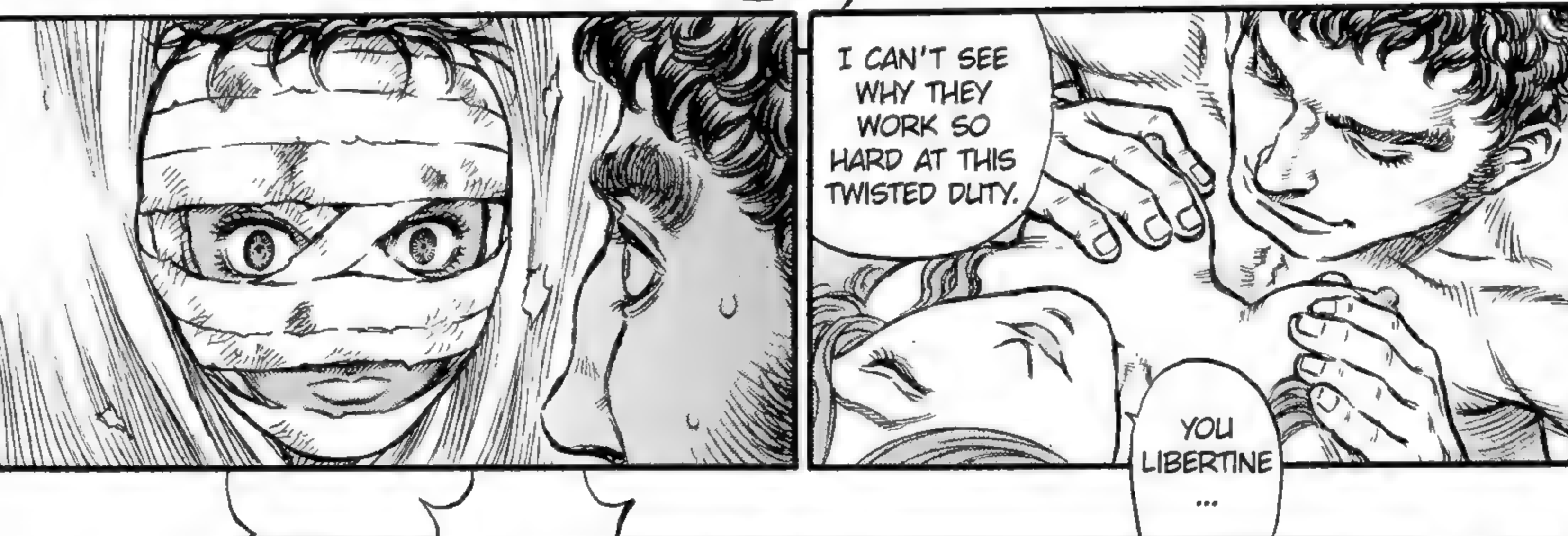
"...AND SHE
DOESN'T
GIVE US A
WORD OF
THANKS."

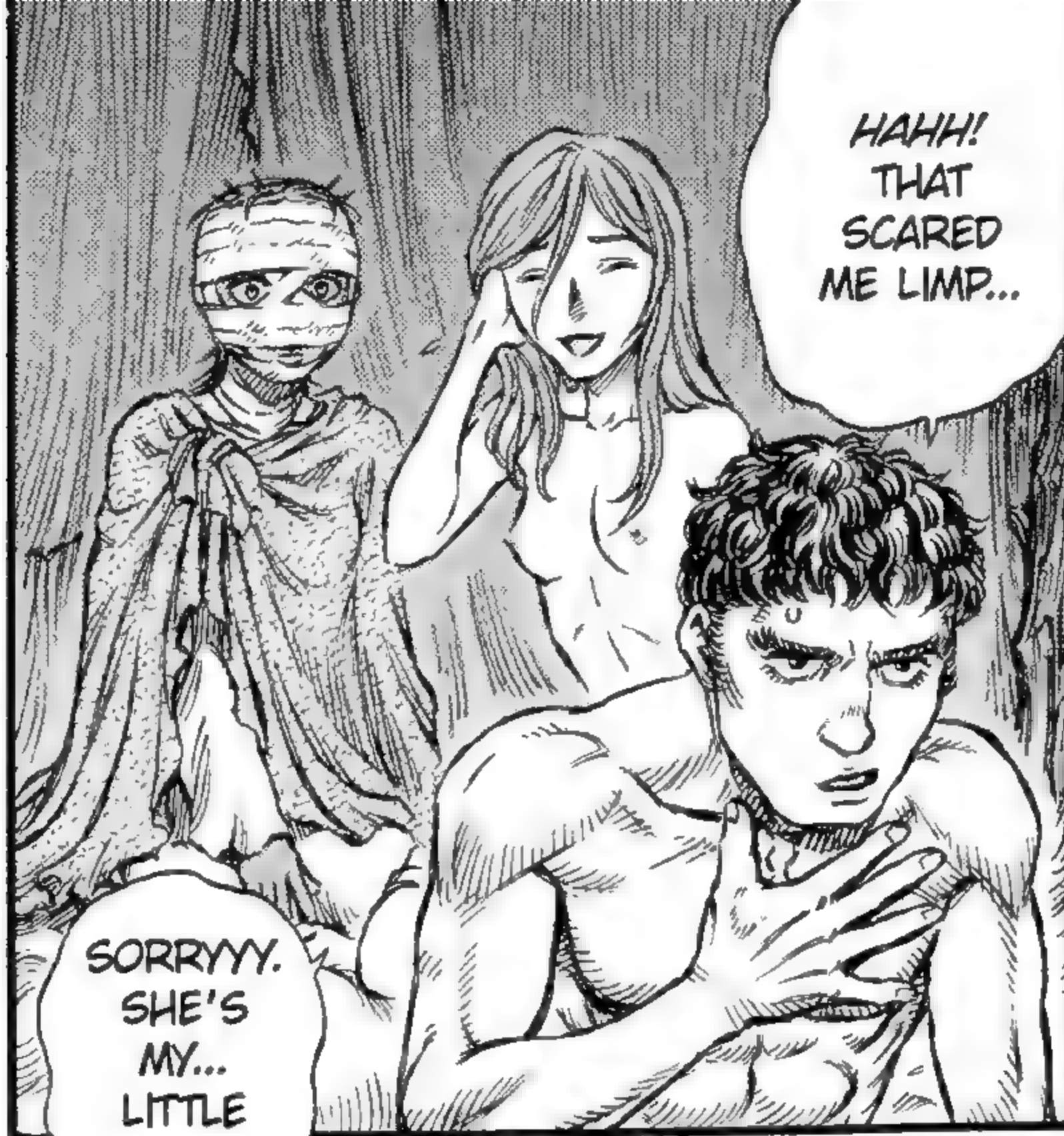
THAT LADY
COMMANDER
SEEMS
FRIGHTENING,
THOUGH.

I WORRY
THAT
YOU'LL
GET IN
TROUBLE.

I DON'T
LIKE THE
COMMANDER
...

NONE
OF US
DO.





HAHH!
THAT
SCARED
ME LIMP...

SORRYYY.
SHE'S
MY...
LITTLE
SISTER.



I TOLD
YOU NOT
TO COME
IN HERE!
GEEZ!

ELAINE!
THIS
IS THE
WORK
TENT.



SORRY.
I'LL GIVE
YOU A
FREEBIE
NEXT
TIME!

I GUESS
I'M DONE
FOR
TODAY.

THAT'S
A
PITY...

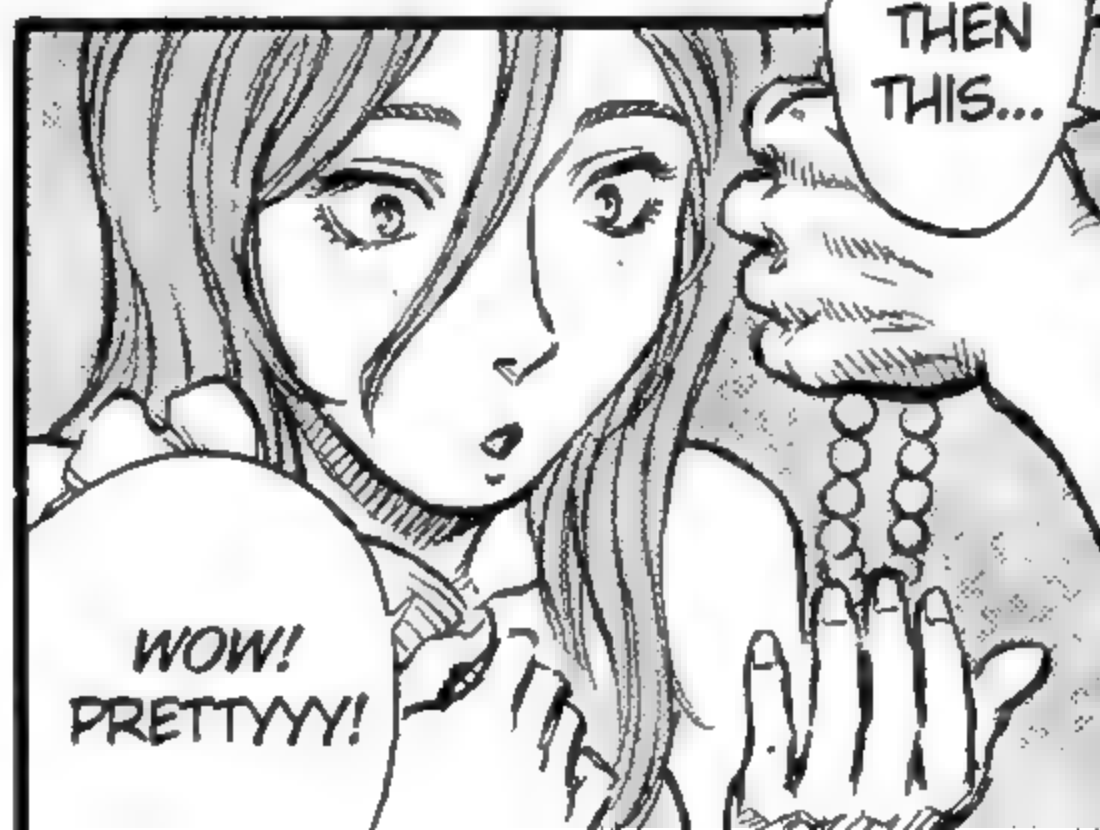
SYPHILIS...
SHE HAD
SOME BAD
LUCK. IT'S
ALREADY
STARTED
SHOWING
ON HER
FACE.

SHE...
SHE NEEDS
'EM FOR
THE JOB.

WHAT'S
WITH THE
BANDAGES
?



HERE,
THE
USUAL
FEE.



AND
THEN
THIS...

WOW!
PRETTYYY!





MAYBE I'VE
JUST DONE
ENOUGH.



NOTHING
THE
MASSES
COULD
AFFORD.

IT'S
PRETTY
EXPEN-
SIVE.



...BUT
ISN'T IT
KINDA
WASTED
ON ME?

I'M
GLAD
...

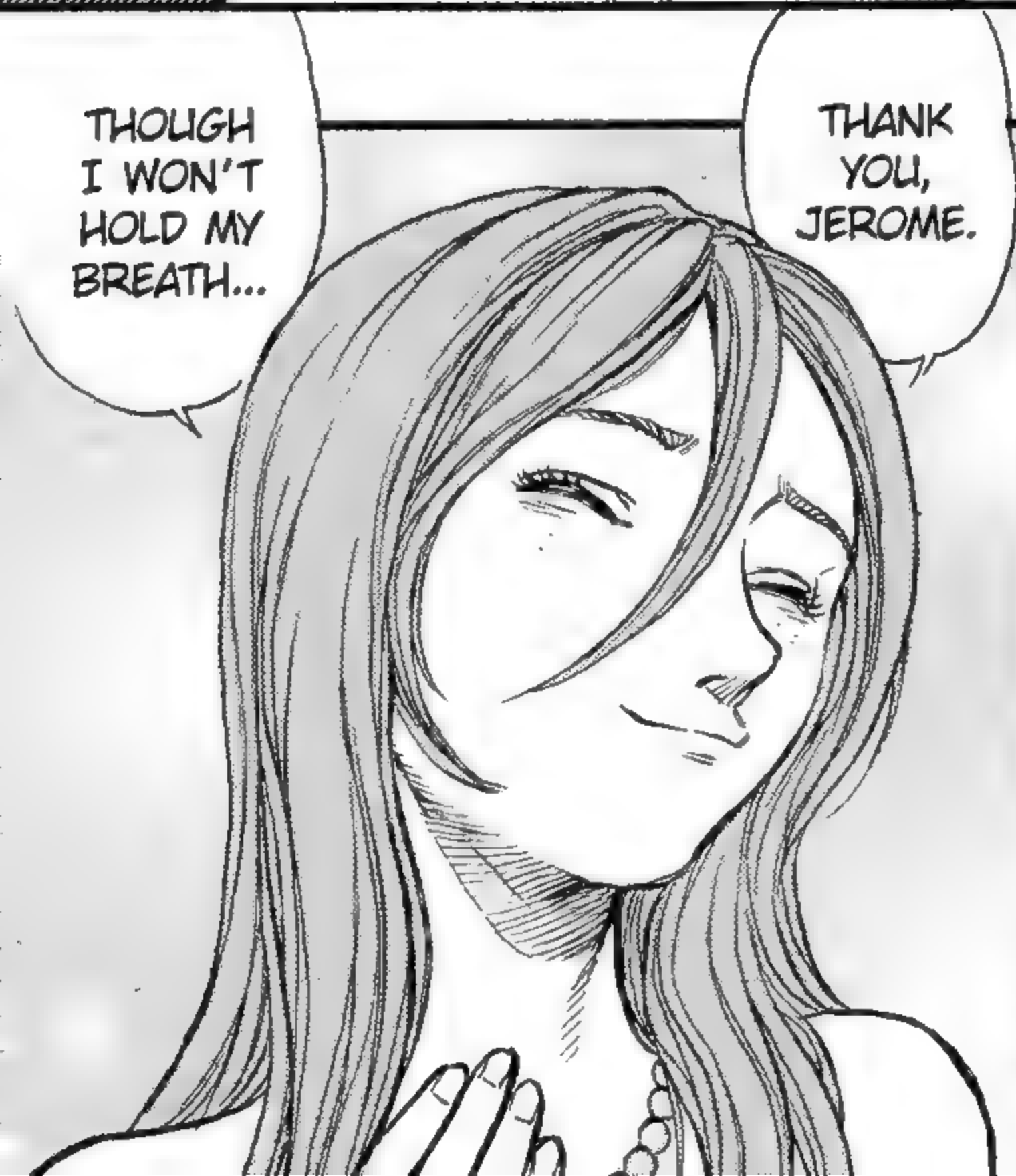
I MEAN,
THESE
ARE
PEARLS
...



...BUT HEY,
NOBLES
EVERYWHERE
HAVE THEIR
MISTRESSES.
I'LL SET YOU
UP IN LUXURY.

AS THE NEXT
HEAD OF
MY FAMILY,
THERE'S NO
WAY I CAN
MARRY YOU...

ONCE MY
DUTY HERE
IS THROUGH,
I'LL TAKE YOU
BACK HOME
WITH ME.



THOUGH
I WON'T
HOLD MY
BREATH...

THANK
YOU,
JEROME.



*FX: ZHFF ZHFF

RII. RII.

WHAT'S
SHE
DOING
...?

GET HER
A GOOD
DOCTOR.

WE'LL
BRING
YOUR
SISTER,
TOO.



*FX: SCRATCH



...I'D NEVER MAKE IT AS A PROSTITUTE.

I SWEAR, IF I TOOK EVERY SWEET NOTHING I HEARD SERIOUSLY ...



YOU GUYS ...

WE HEARD THAT, LUCA.

HEYYY! HEYYY!



WHAT ARE YOU JOKING ABOUT? ISN'T IT BEST TO BE IN GOOD WITH THE OFFICIALS WHEN DANGER COMES? THAT WHY I SAY...

YOU KNOW ...?

I MEAN ...

RIIIGHT ...



THE BEST YOU COULD DO IS A SHOP APPRENTICE.



I'D LOVE TO BE TOLD SOMETHING LIKE THAT BY SOMEONE. NOT EVEN NOBILITY, JUST A WEALTHY YOUNG MERCHANT.

LUCKY YOU, LUCA.



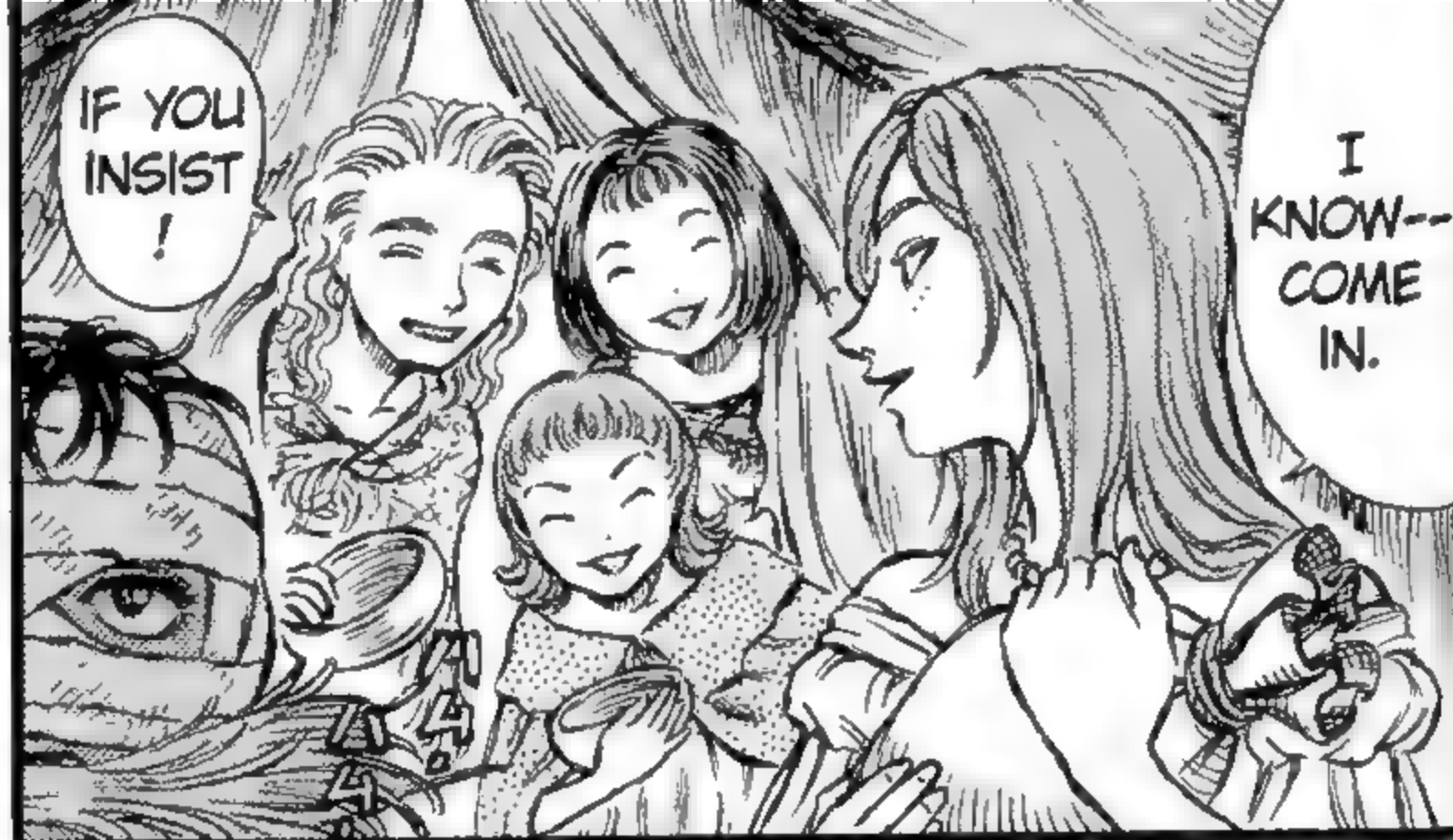
YEAH, YEAH.

SO, YEAH, LUCA...





AND
THEN,
THIS...

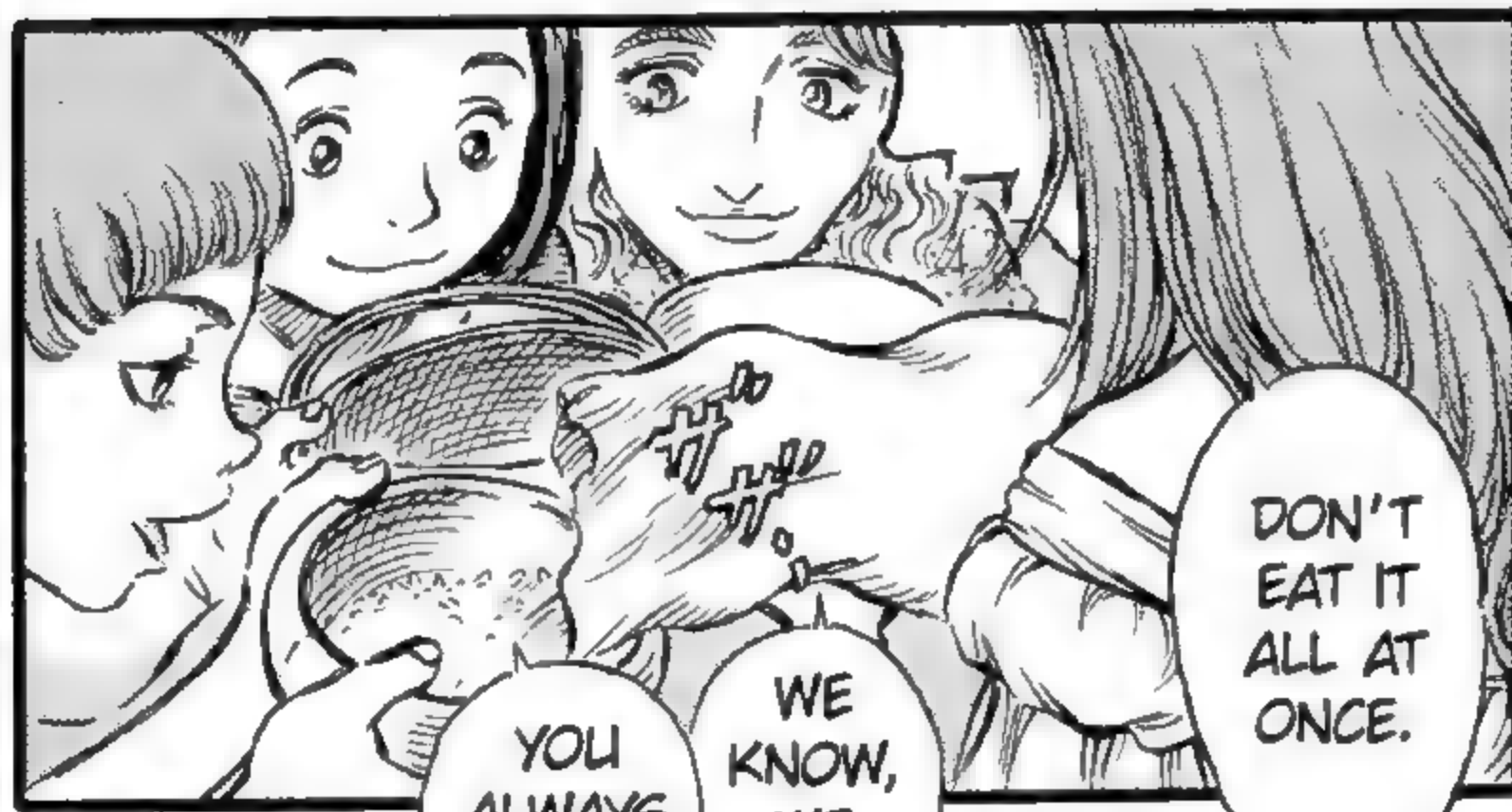


IF YOU
INSIST
!

I
KNOW--
COME
IN.

*FX: MNCH MNCH

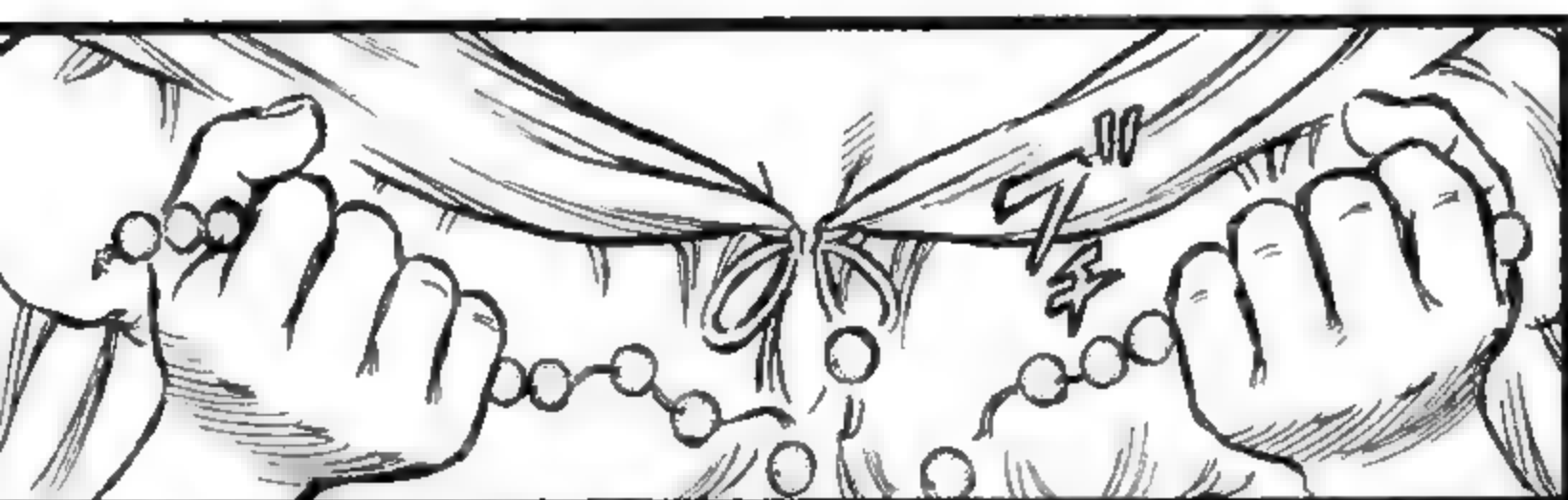
*FX: ZHAA



DON'T
EAT IT
ALL AT
ONCE.

YOU
ALWAYS
SAVE US.

WE
KNOW,
WE
KNOW.



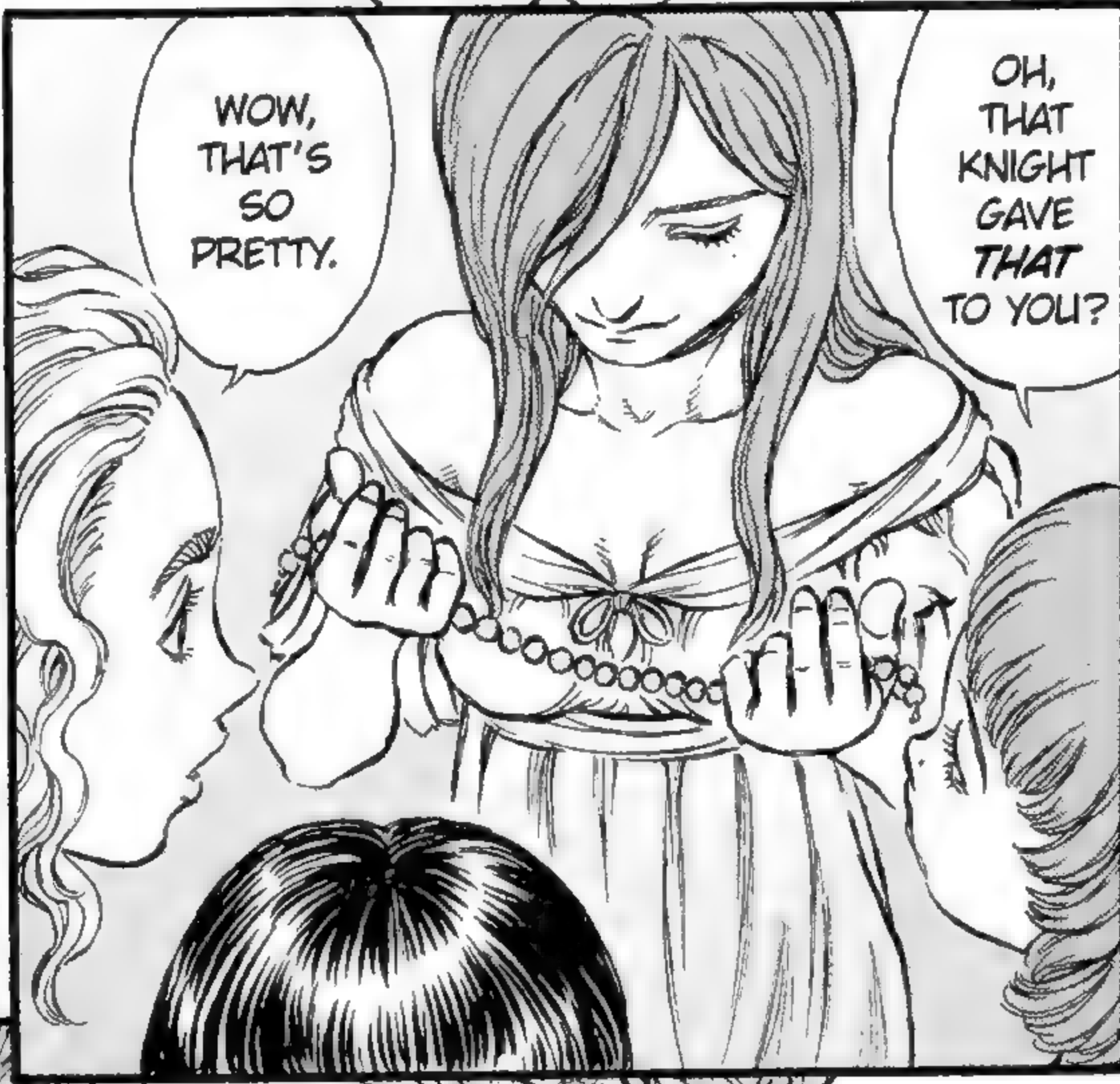
*FX: SNAP



WHAT A
WASTE!

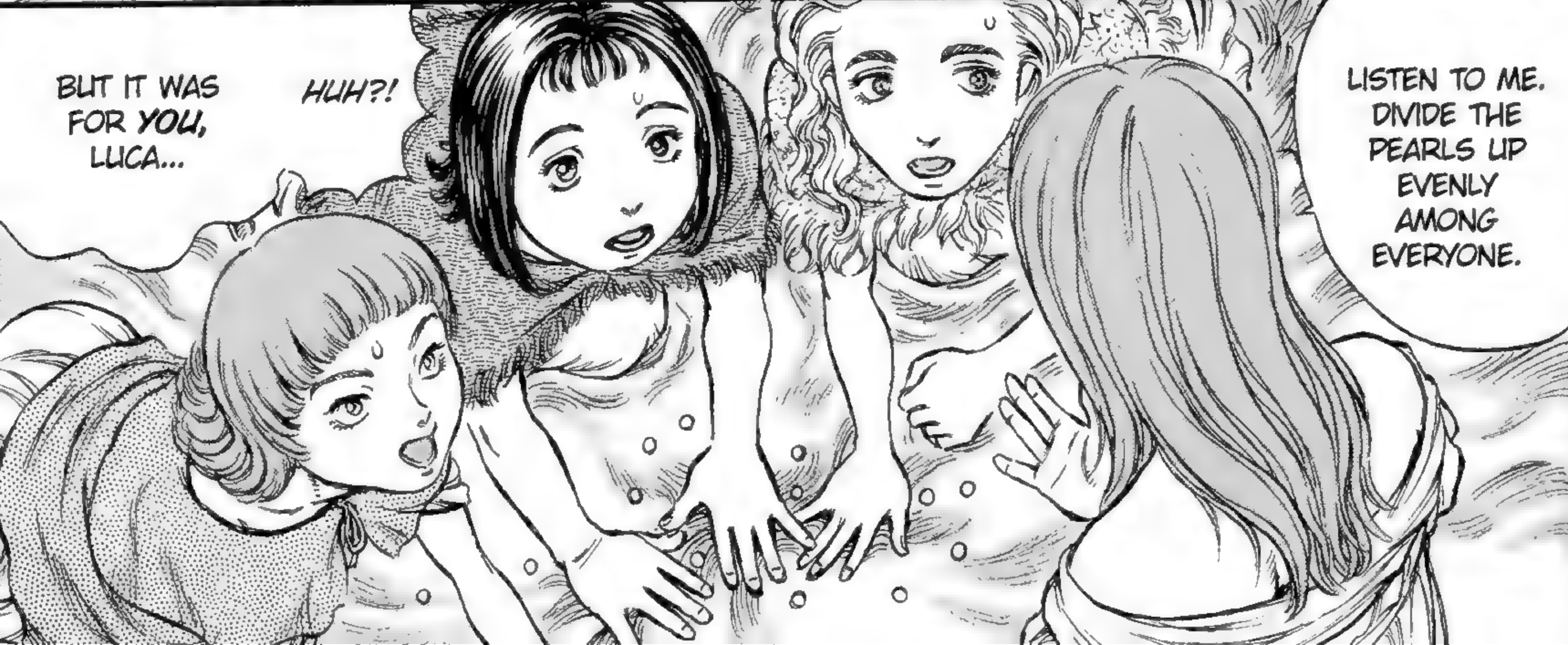
WA
AH
HI!

*FX: CLATA CLATA



WOW,
THAT'S
SO
PRETTY.

OH,
THAT
KNIGHT
GAVE
THAT
TO YOU?



BUT IT WAS
FOR YOU,
LUCA...

HUH?!

LISTEN TO ME.
DIVIDE THE
PEARLS UP
EVENLY
AMONG
EVERYONE.



SOMETHING
EXPENSIVE
LIKE THIS...

YEAH... BUT...



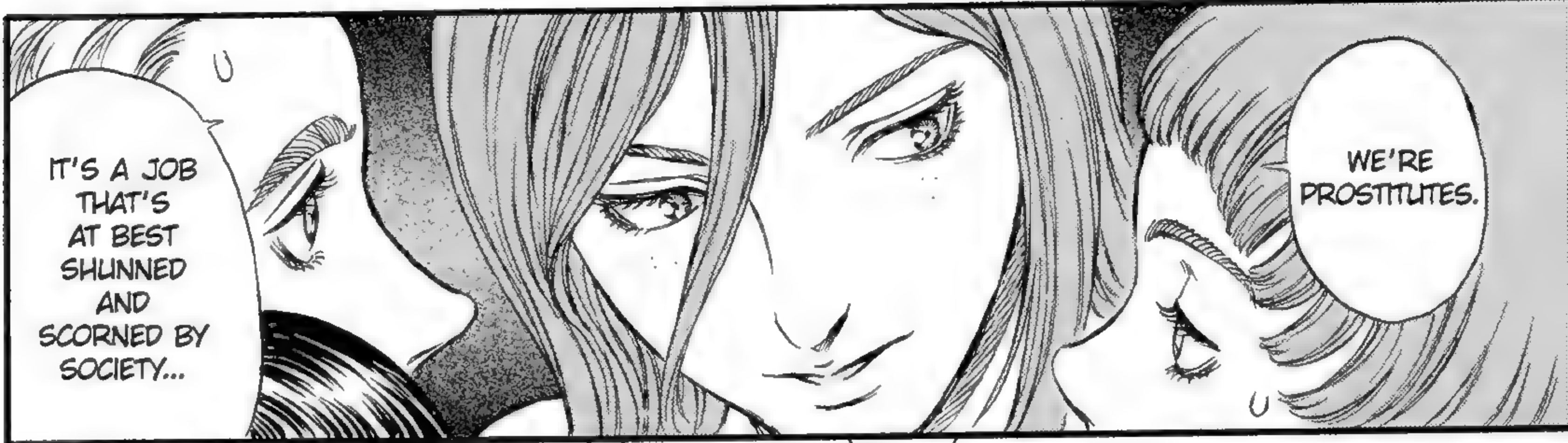
LISTEN
CLOSE.

LISTEN,
PEPE,
FOUQUET,
LUCIE.

DIDN'T WE
DECIDE
FROM THE
START?
EACH
PERSON'S
INCOME
WILL BE
SHARED
EQUALLY
AMONG US,
WITHOUT
EXCEPTION.

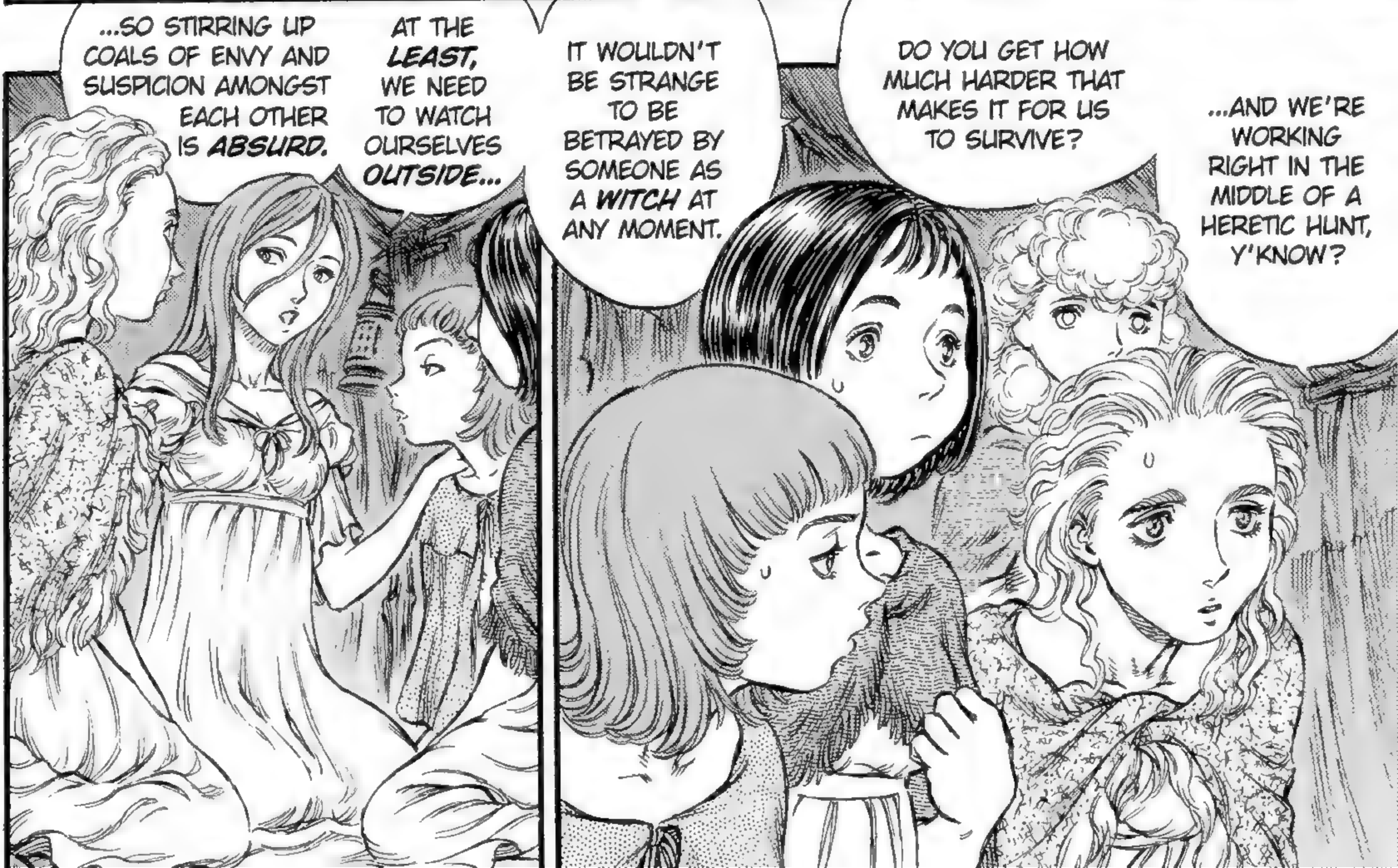


I'LL TAKE
AN EQUAL
SHARE,
OF COURSE.



IT'S A JOB
THAT'S
AT BEST
SHUNNED
AND
SCORNNED BY
SOCIETY...

WE'RE
PROSTITUTES.



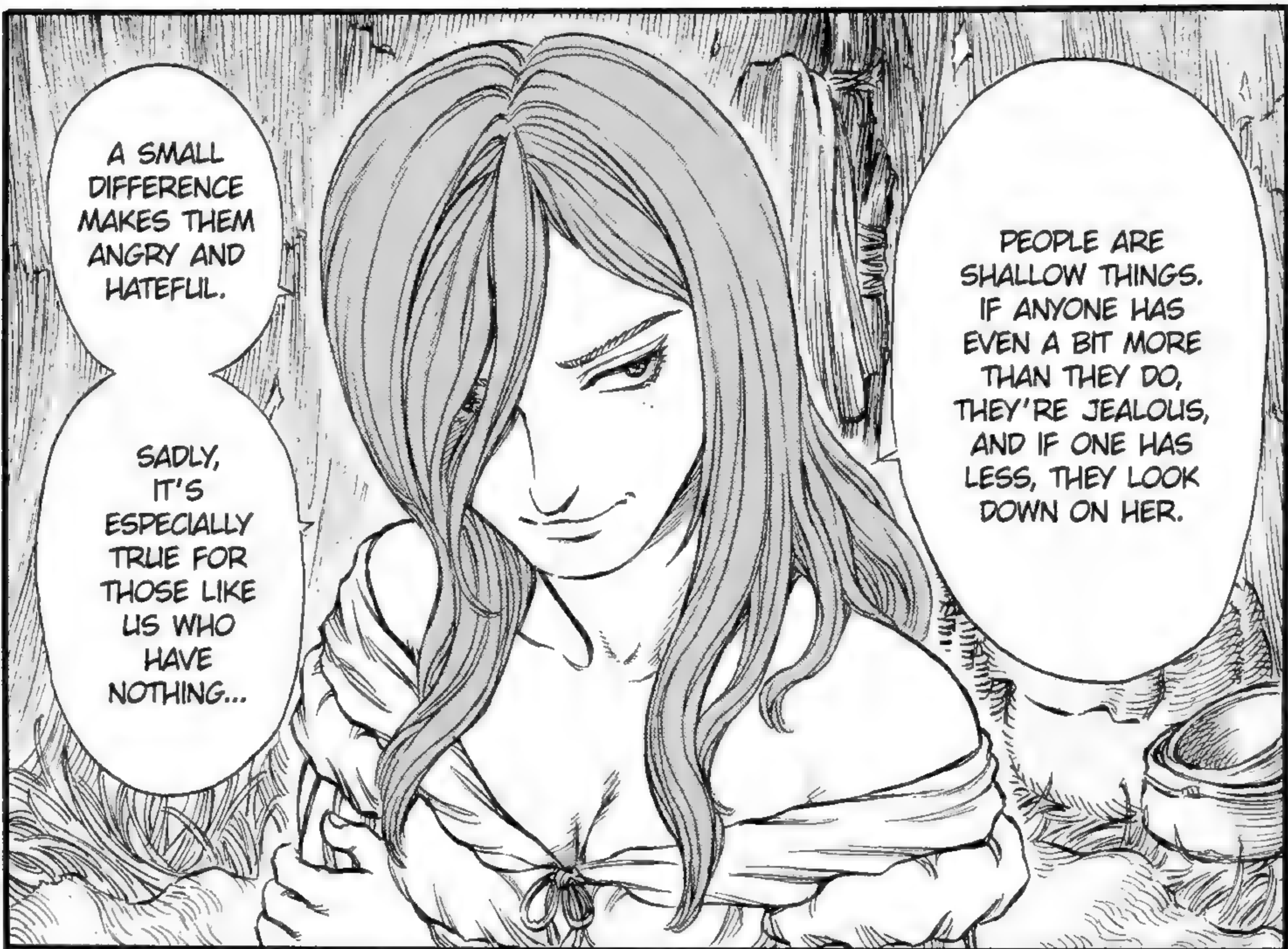
...SO STIRRING UP
COALS OF ENVY AND
SUSPICION AMONGST
EACH OTHER
IS **ABSRD**.

AT THE
LEAST,
WE NEED
TO WATCH
OURSELVES
OUTSIDE...

IT WOULDN'T
BE STRANGE
TO BE
BETRAYED BY
SOMEONE AS
A **WITCH** AT
ANY MOMENT.

DO YOU GET HOW
MUCH HARDER THAT
MAKES IT FOR US
TO SURVIVE?

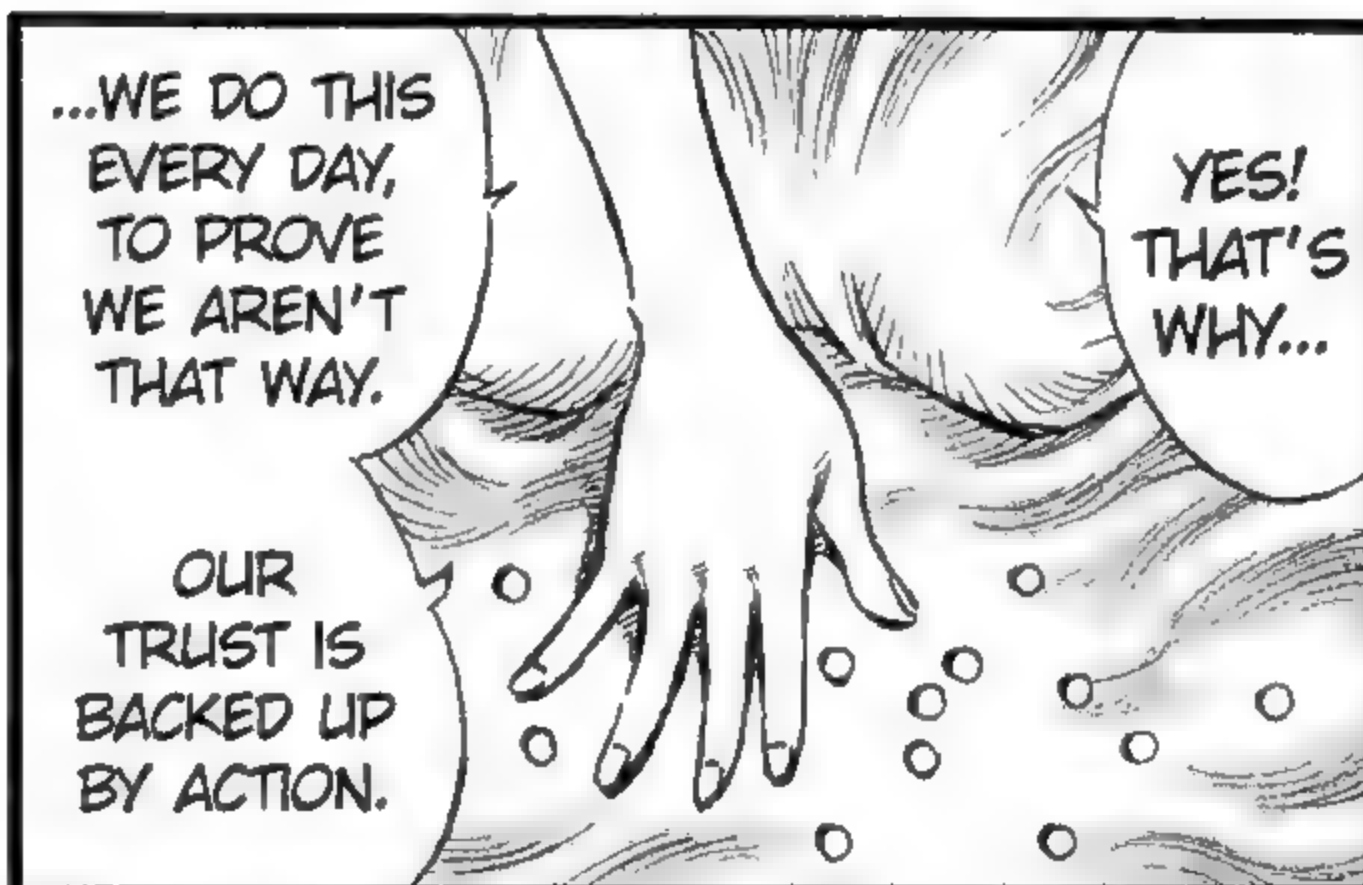
...AND WE'RE
WORKING
RIGHT IN THE
MIDDLE OF A
HERETIC HUNT,
Y'KNOW?



A SMALL
DIFFERENCE
MAKES THEM
ANGRY AND
HATEFUL.

SADLY,
IT'S
ESPECIALLY
TRUE FOR
THOSE LIKE
US WHO
HAVE
NOTHING...

PEOPLE ARE
SHALLOW THINGS.
IF ANYONE HAS
EVEN A BIT MORE
THAN THEY DO,
THEY'RE JEALOUS,
AND IF ONE HAS
LESS, THEY LOOK
DOWN ON HER.



...WE DO THIS
EVERY DAY,
TO PROVE
WE AREN'T
THAT WAY.

OUR
TRUST IS
BACKED UP
BY ACTION.

YES!
THAT'S
WHY...



WE
ALL...
THAT'S
NOT
TRUE...

YEAH.



THERE'S
NO OTHER
WAY FOR
US TO
SURVIVE
HERE.

WE
SHARE A
COMMON
FATE.

IF YOU DON'T WANNA BE RATTED ON, GET OUT THERE AND SPREAD SOME GOOD WILL AROUND!

DIDN'T I TELL YOU? IT'S TO AVOID PETTY JEALOUSY. THE MOST DANGEROUS THING IN THIS WORLD IS TO HAVE TOO MUCH.

YES, MA'AM.

HUH? ONE'S MISSING ...

*FX: SMEP

*FX: CRNCH CRNCH

WHAT A WASTE.

WHAT, AGAIN?

NOW, AS ALWAYS, WE'LL SHARE HALF OUR EARNINGS WITH THE NEIGHBORS.

PUH PUH

ONE, TWO, THREE.

*PTOO
7.0
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THAT'S NO GOOD. HAVE TO BIND THEM TIGHTER.

OH!

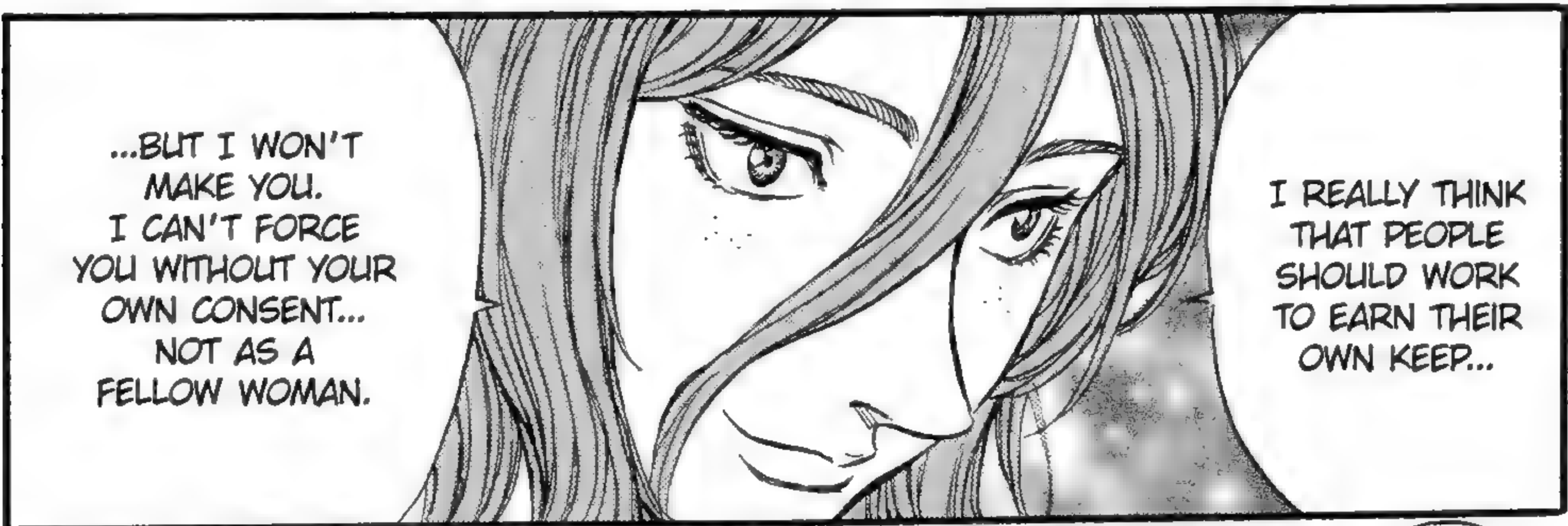
YOU'LL HAVE TO DEAL, IF IT'S A BIT SNUG.

*FFF



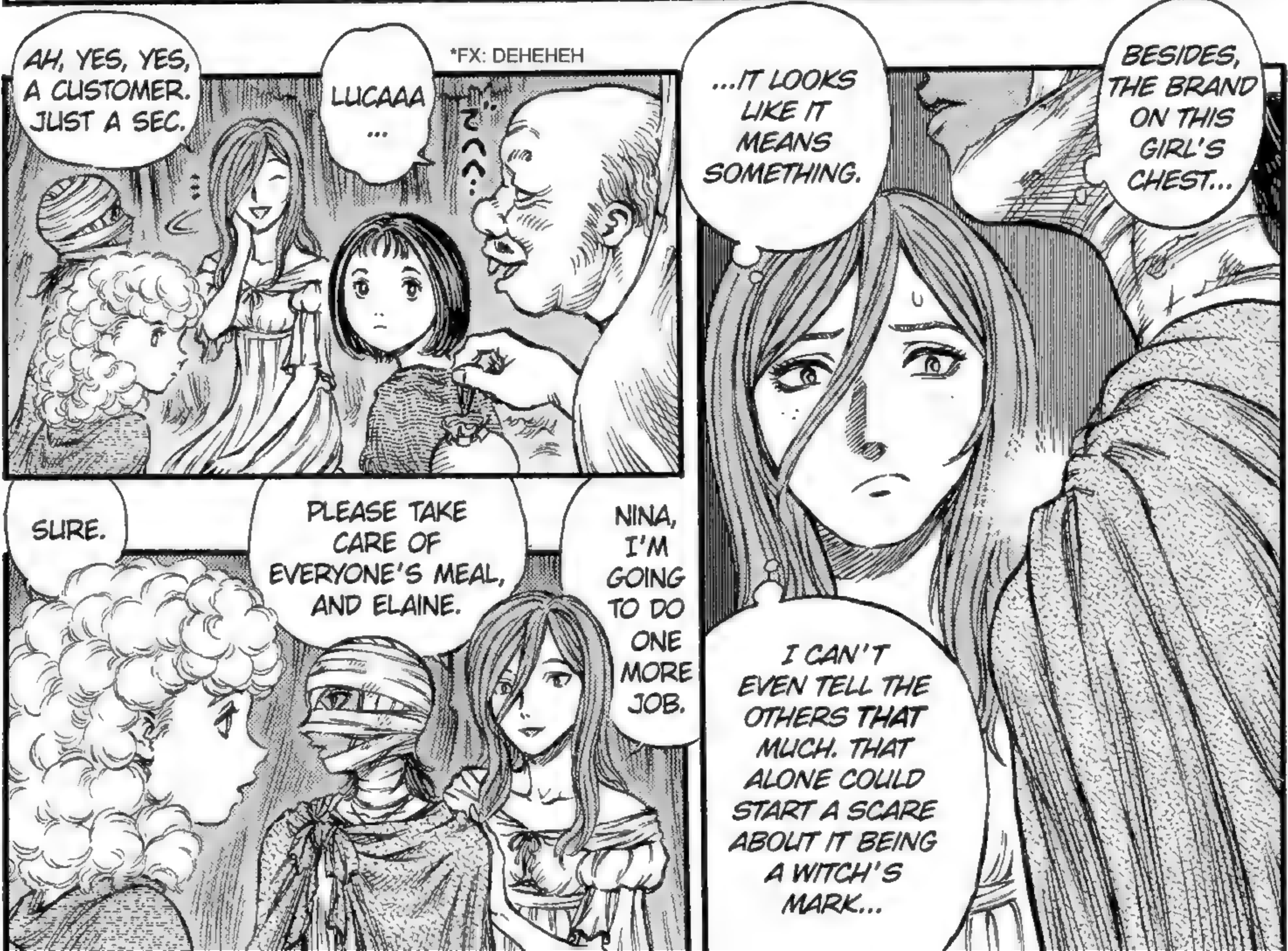
YOU'RE
JUST THE
RIGHT VICTIM
FOR THE
STARVING
MEN.

A
DEFENSELESS
BEAUTY
LIKE YOU
WANDERING
AROUND A
PLACE LIKE
THIS ISN'T
SAFE FOR
EVEN
ONE DAY.



...BUT I WON'T
MAKE YOU.
I CAN'T FORCE
YOU WITHOUT YOUR
OWN CONSENT...
NOT AS A
FELLOW WOMAN.

I REALLY THINK
THAT PEOPLE
SHOULD WORK
TO EARN THEIR
OWN KEEP...



AH, YES, YES,
A CUSTOMER.
JUST A SEC.

LUCAAA
...

*FX: DEHEHEH

...IT LOOKS
LIKE IT
MEANS
SOMETHING.

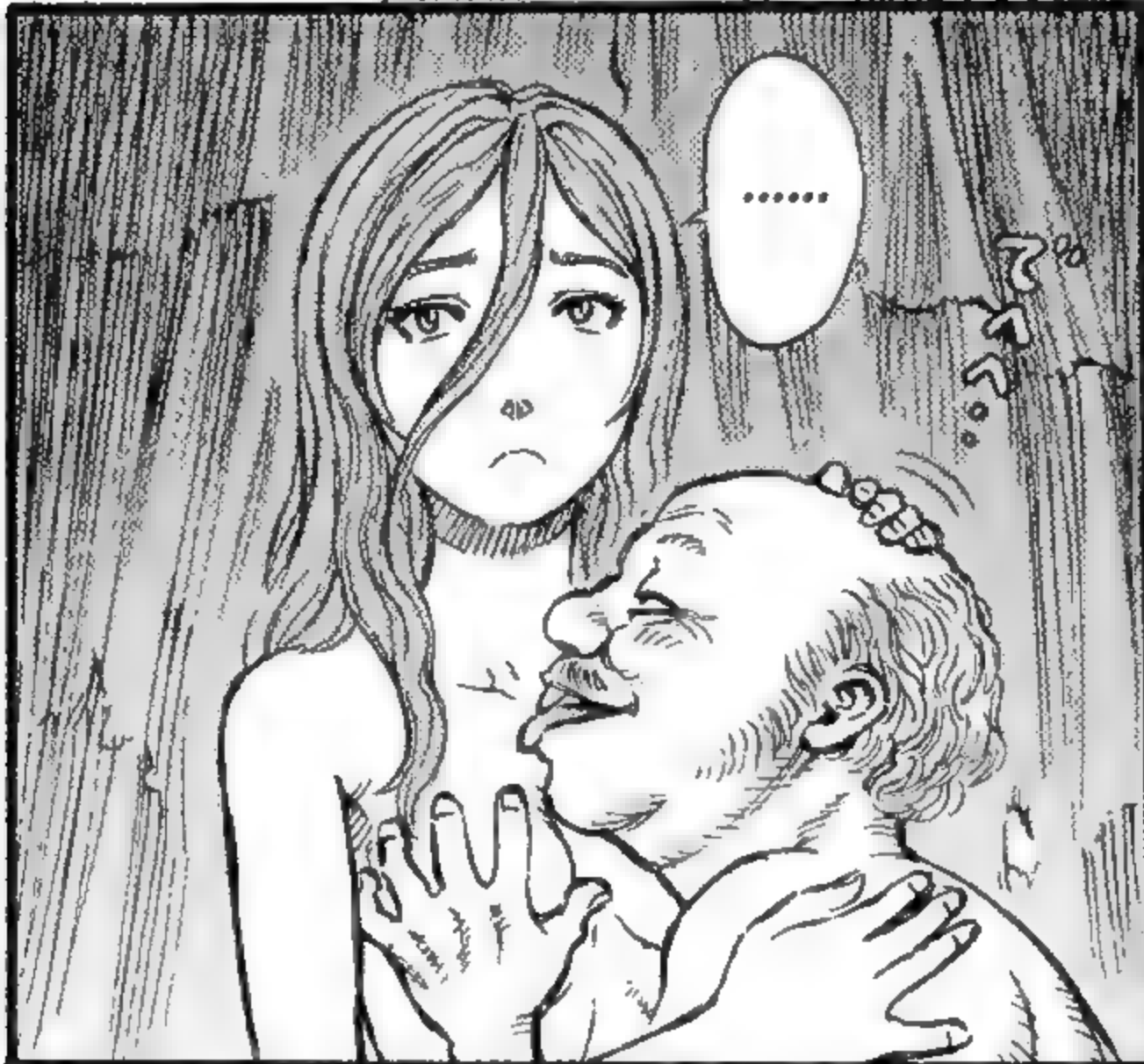
BESIDES,
THE BRAND
ON THIS
GIRL'S
CHEST...

SURE.

PLEASE TAKE
CARE OF
EVERYONE'S MEAL,
AND ELAINE.

NINA,
I'M
GOING
TO DO
ONE
MORE
JOB.

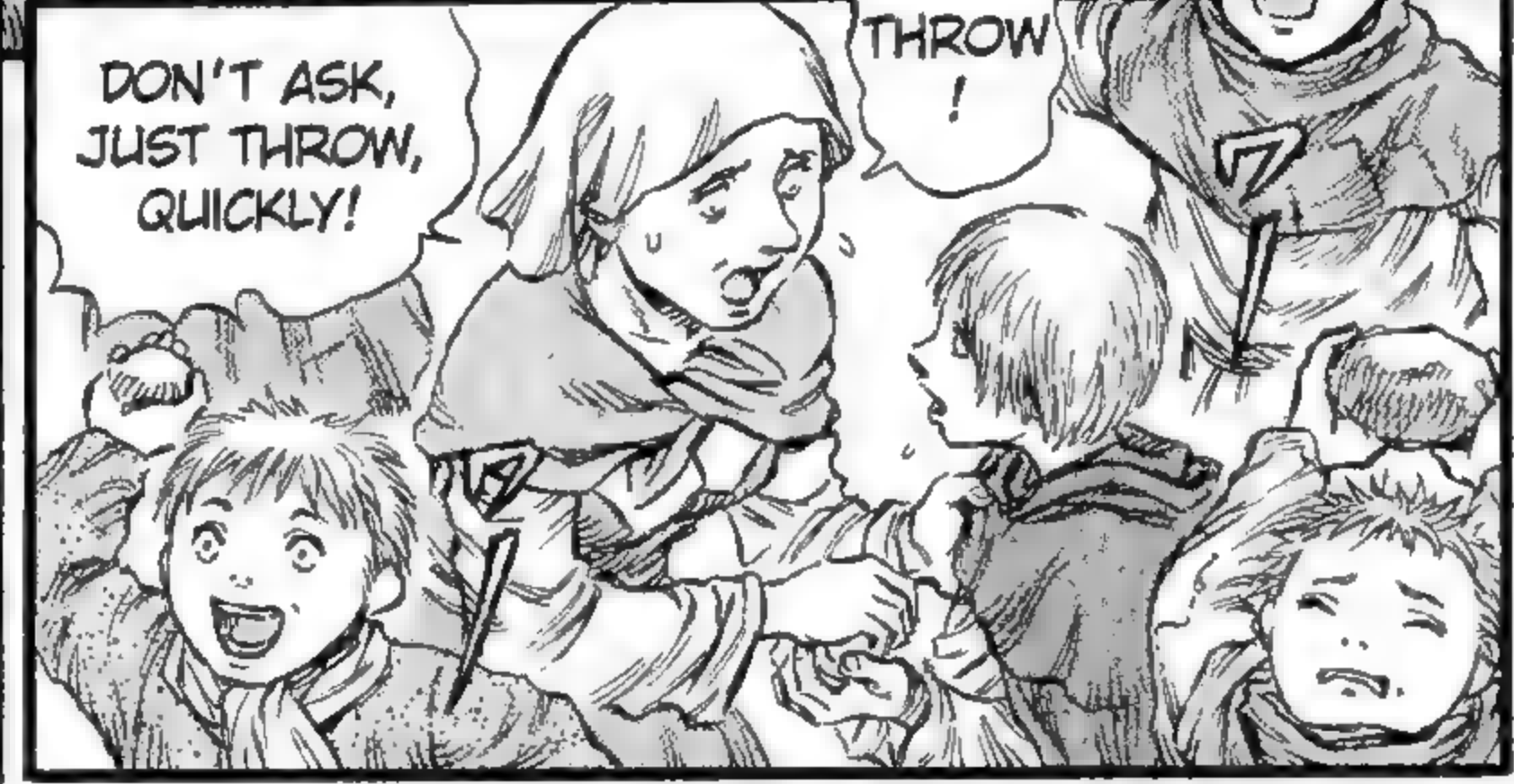
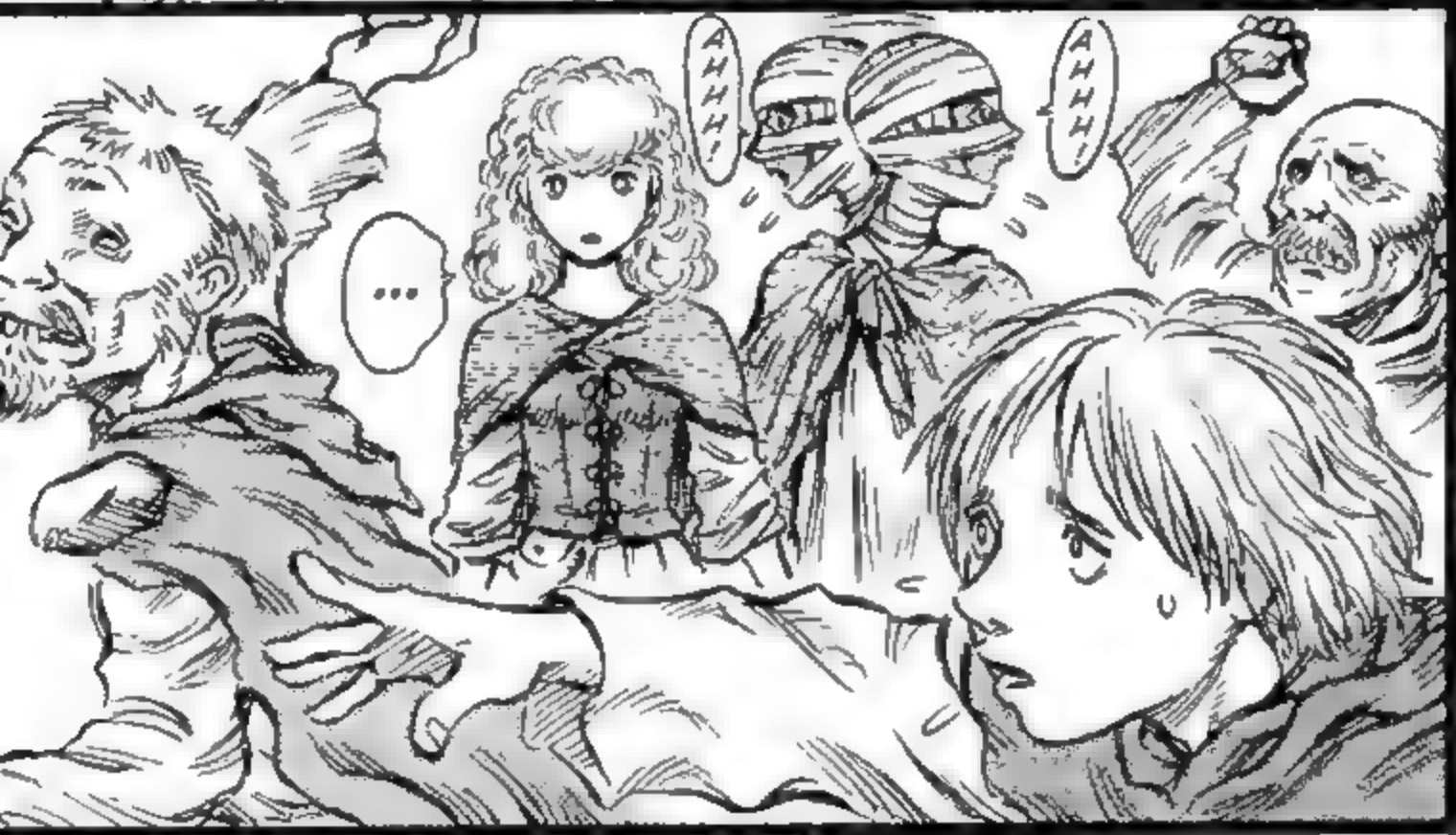
I CAN'T
EVEN TELL THE
OTHERS THAT
MUCH. THAT
ALONE COULD
START A SCARE
ABOUT IT BEING
A WITCH'S
MARK...



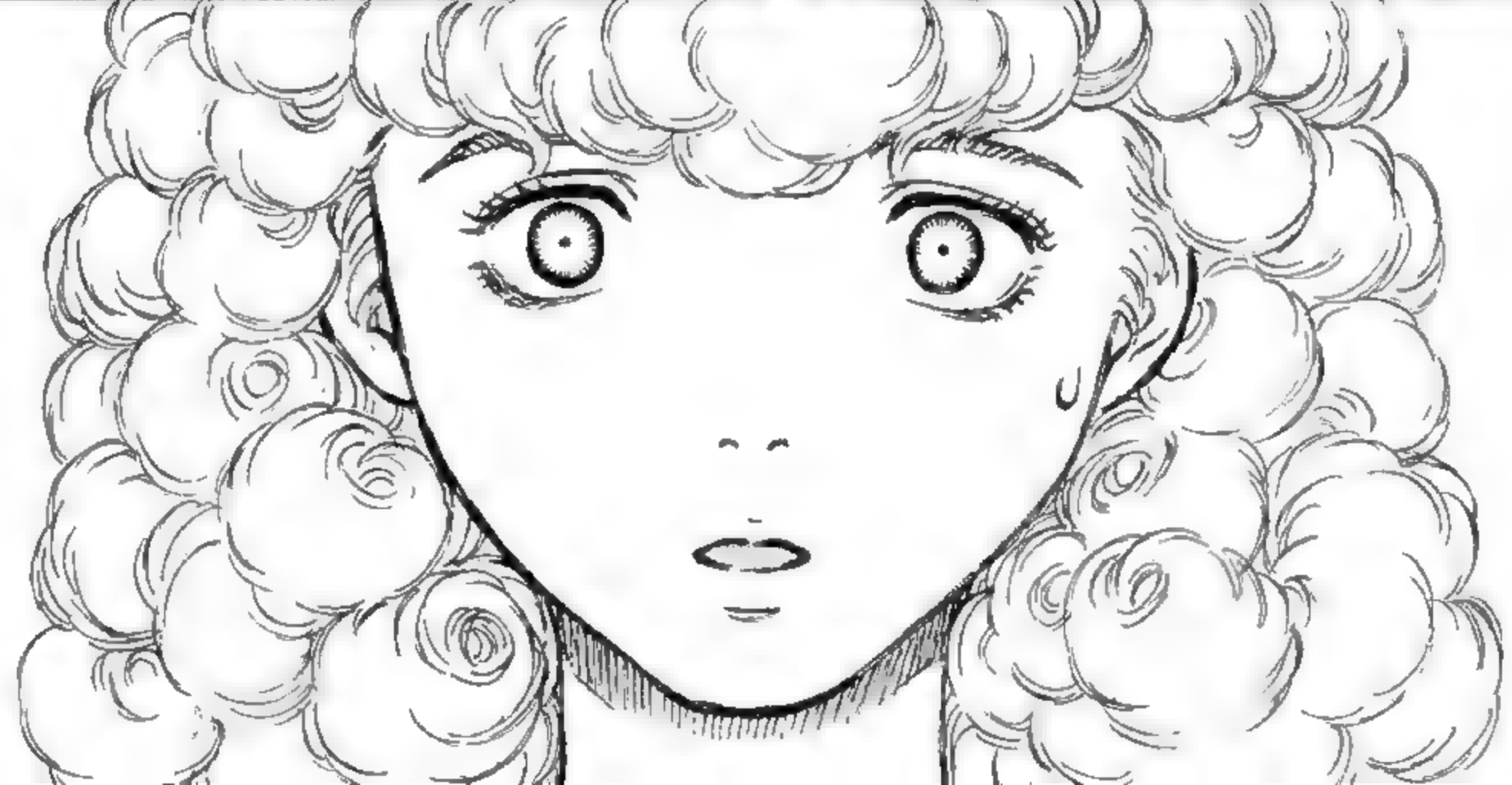
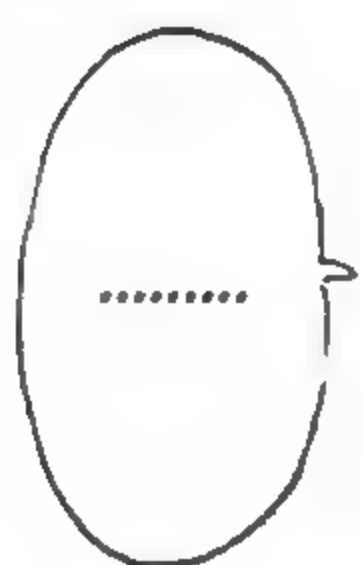
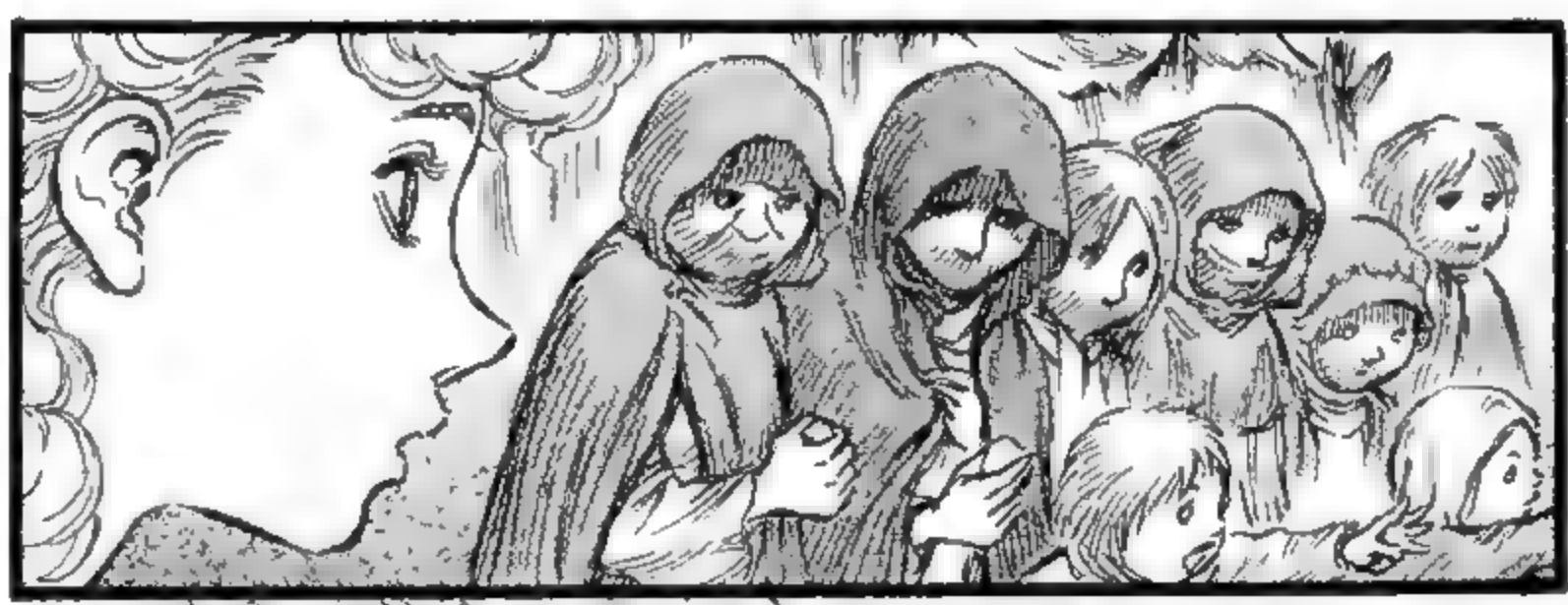
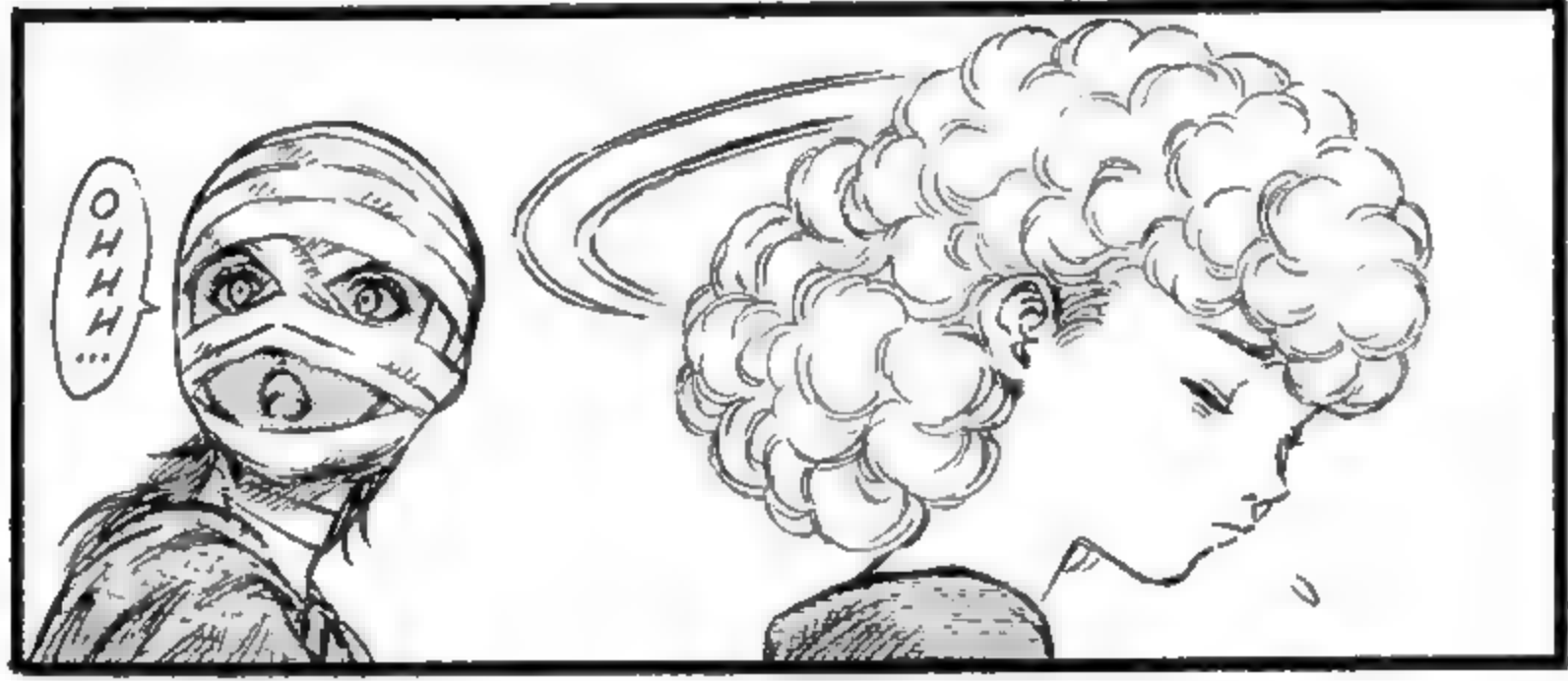
*FX: DEHEHEH

*FX: RAHHH RAHHH

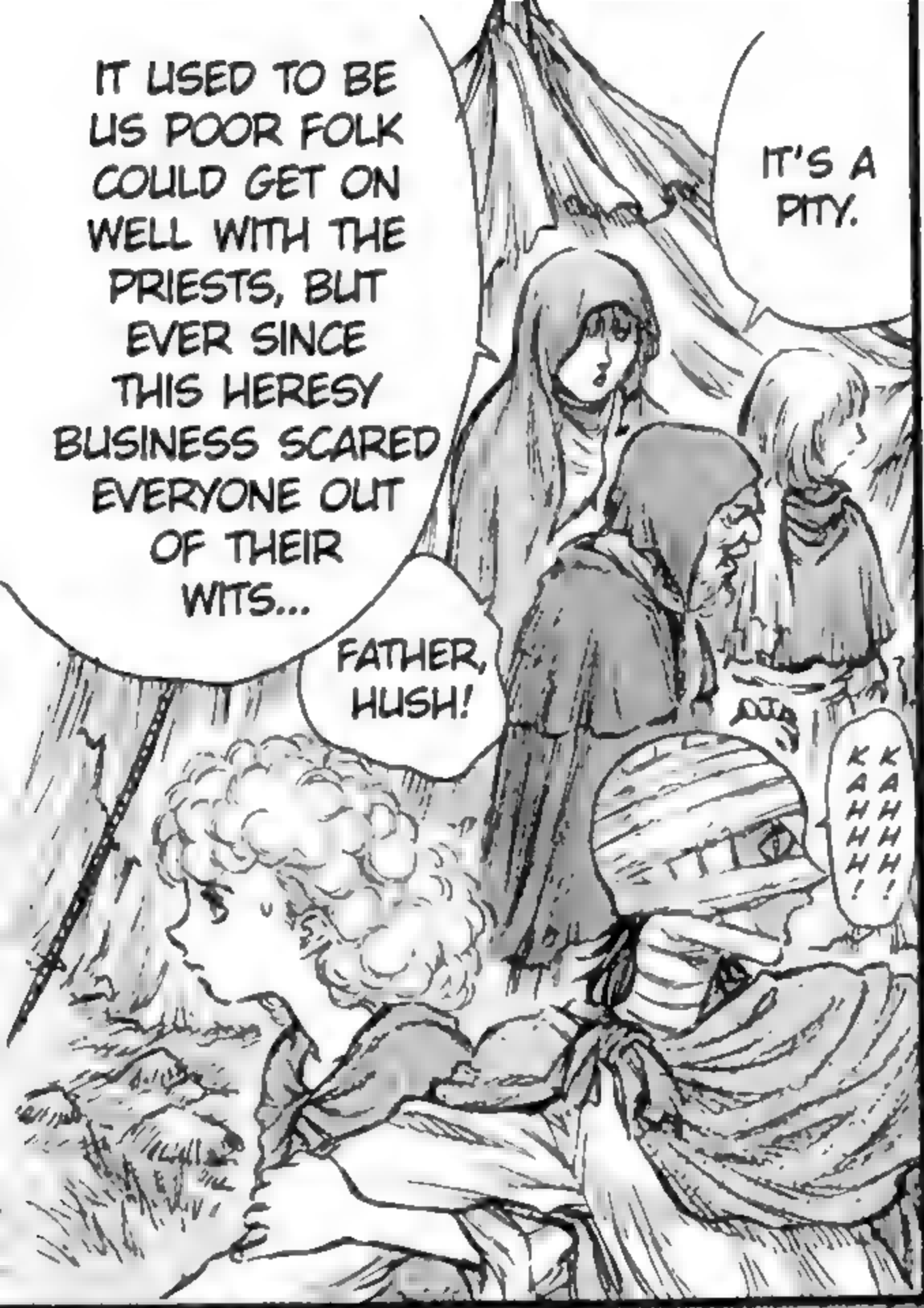




*FX. RAHHH RAHHH







*FX BLASH BLASH



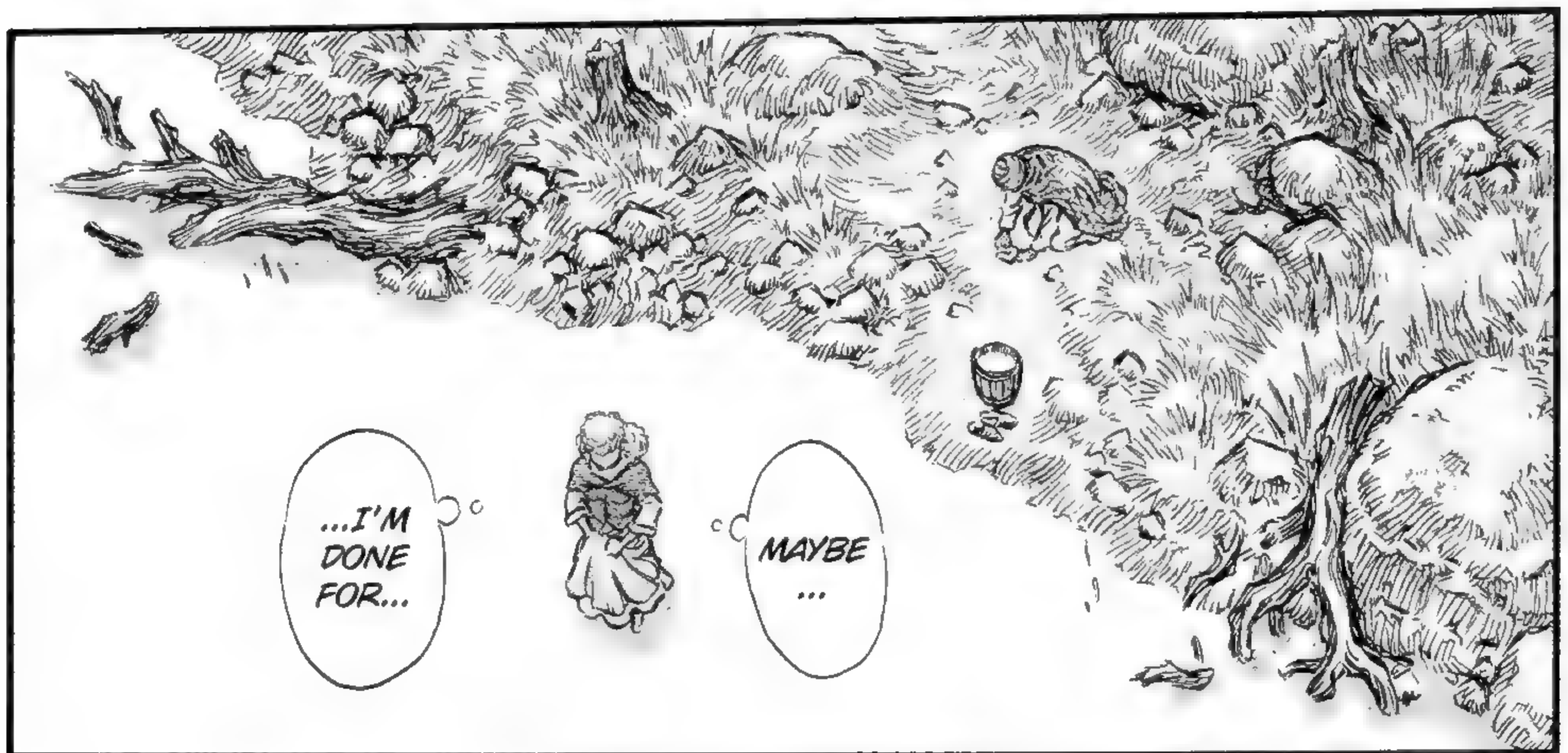
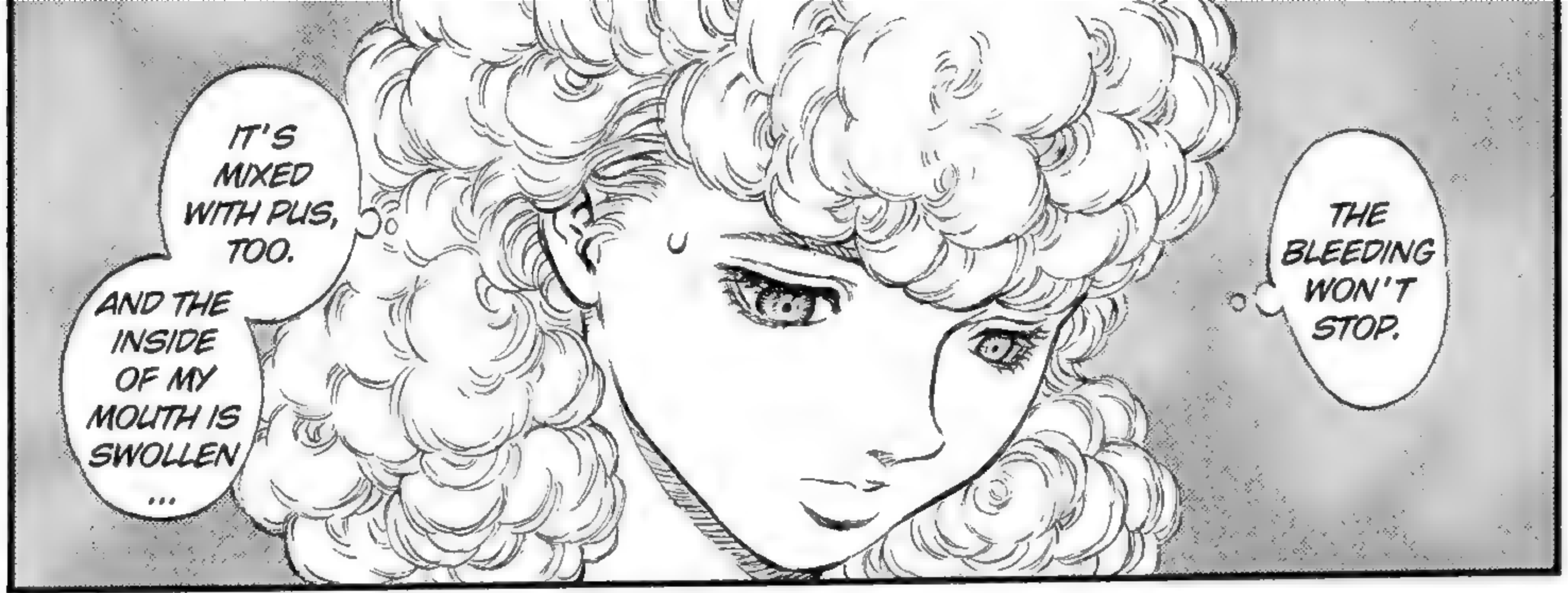
*PLCH
/10
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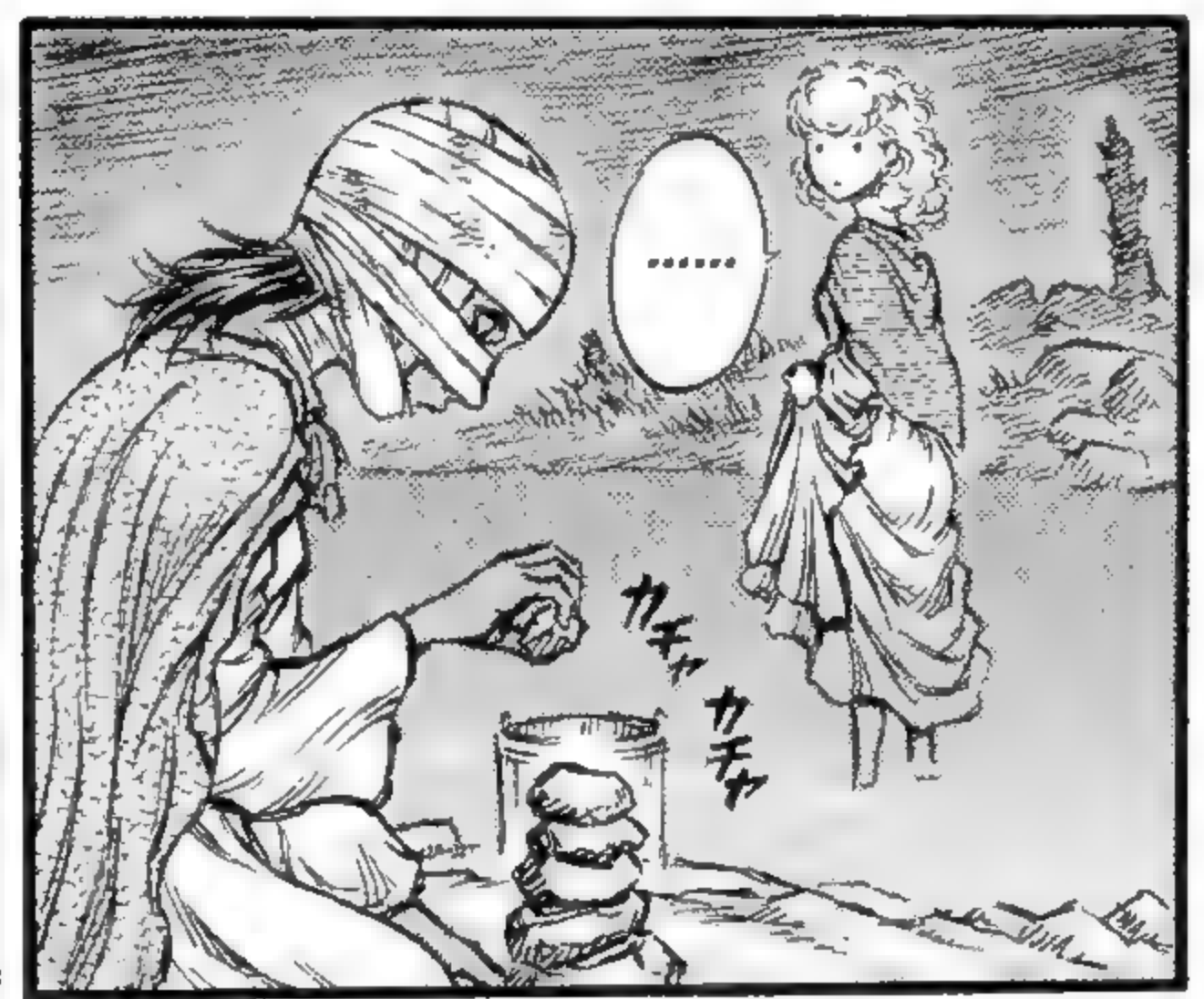
*FX. PLASH

*FX WHEW





*FX: CLATA



*FX: KCHAK KCHAK





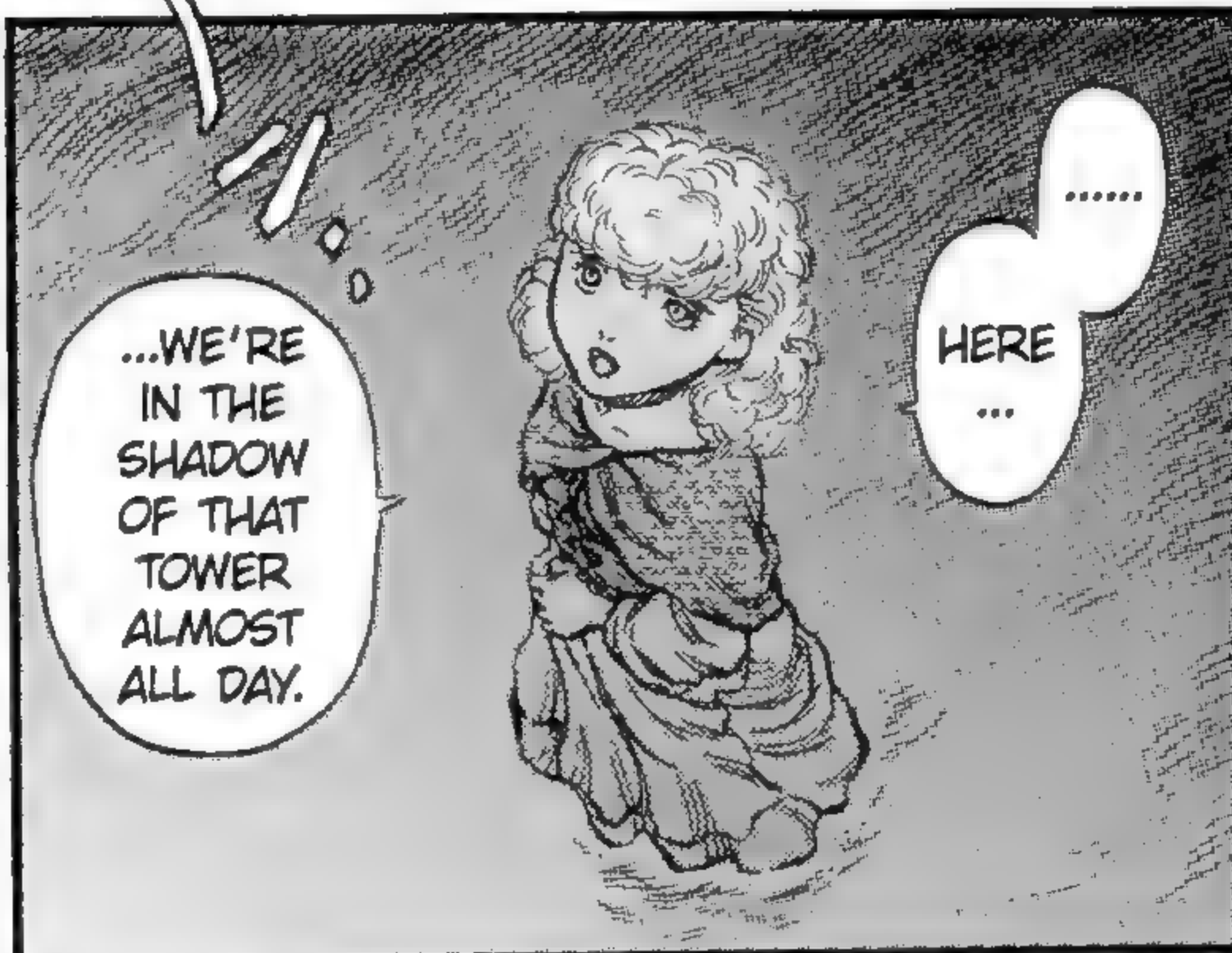
*FX: GONNNG GONNNG



...GRAVE
AND
TERRIBLE
?

...WHY
DOES
IT SEEM
SO...

EVEN
THOUGH
GOD IS
HERE...



...WE'RE
IN THE
SHADOW
OF THAT
TOWER
ALMOST
ALL DAY.

.....
HERE
...



I'M
SCARED
...

SCARED
...

*FX: CLUTCH



*FX: GONNNG



...
...



LUCAAA
...

I CAN'T
STAND
IT...

SO
SCARED...

I'M
SCARED
...



OF
GOD...!!

OF THIS
WORLD...

*KCHAK

カチヤ

OF
LIVING...

OF
DYING...



*GONNNG

ゴ

*GONNNG

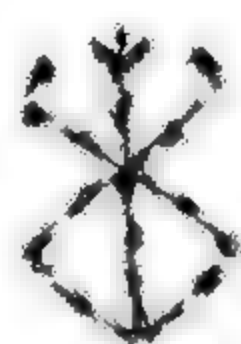
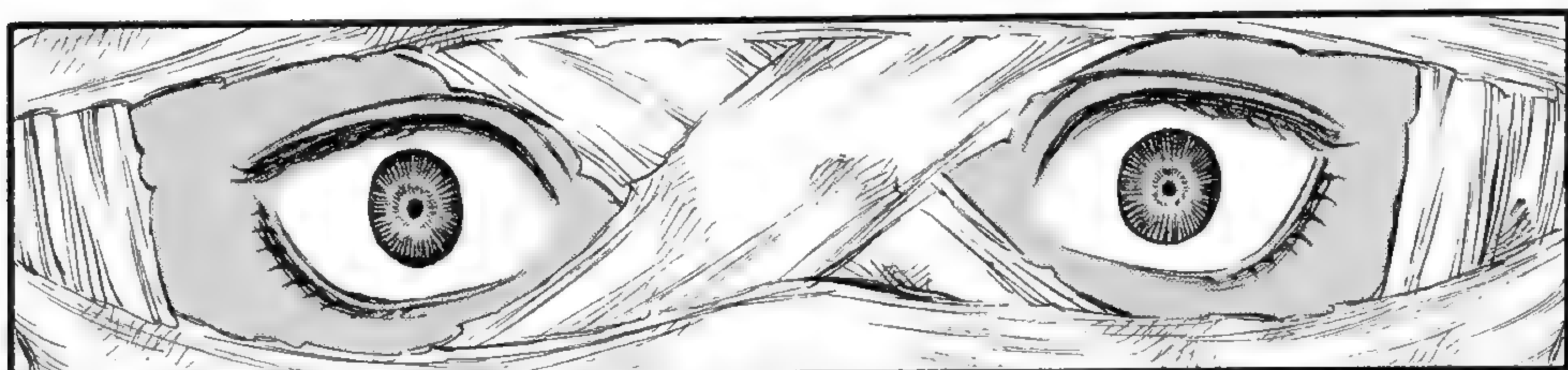
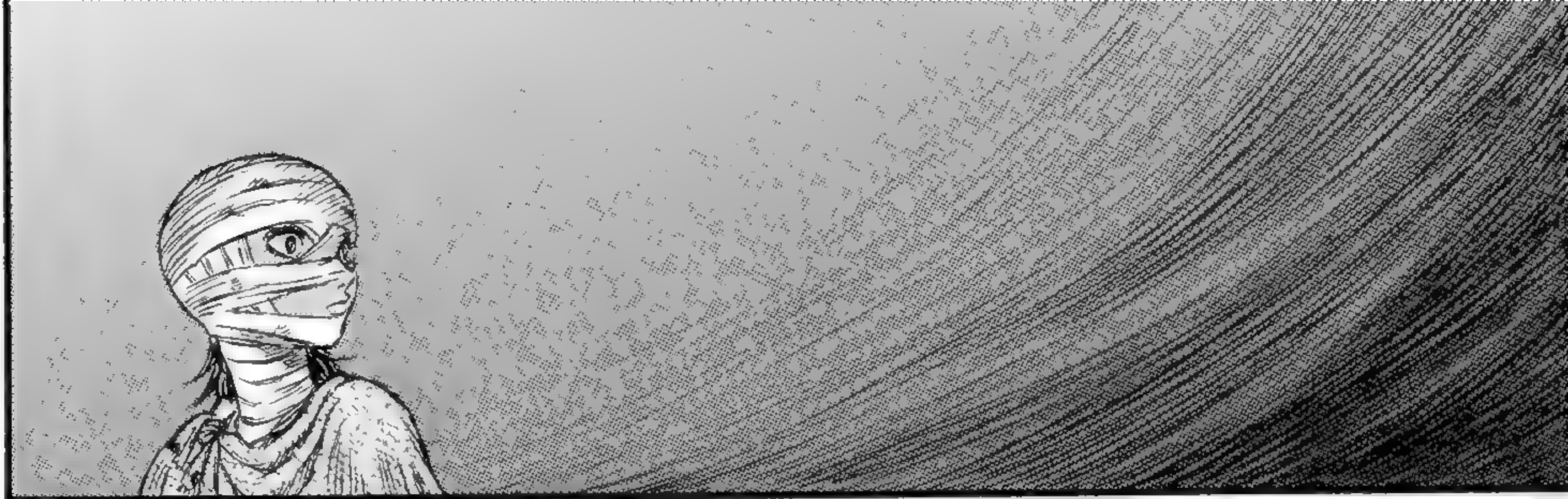
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I CAN'T
STAND
IT...

SO
SCARED...

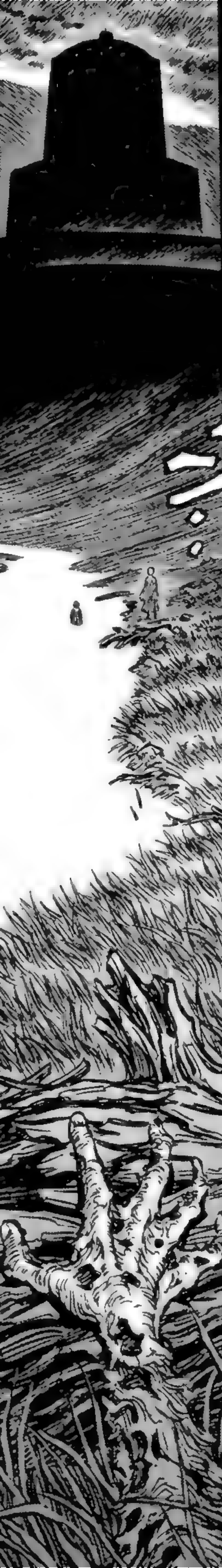
...EVERY-
THING.

OF...



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BERSEK



GONNNG

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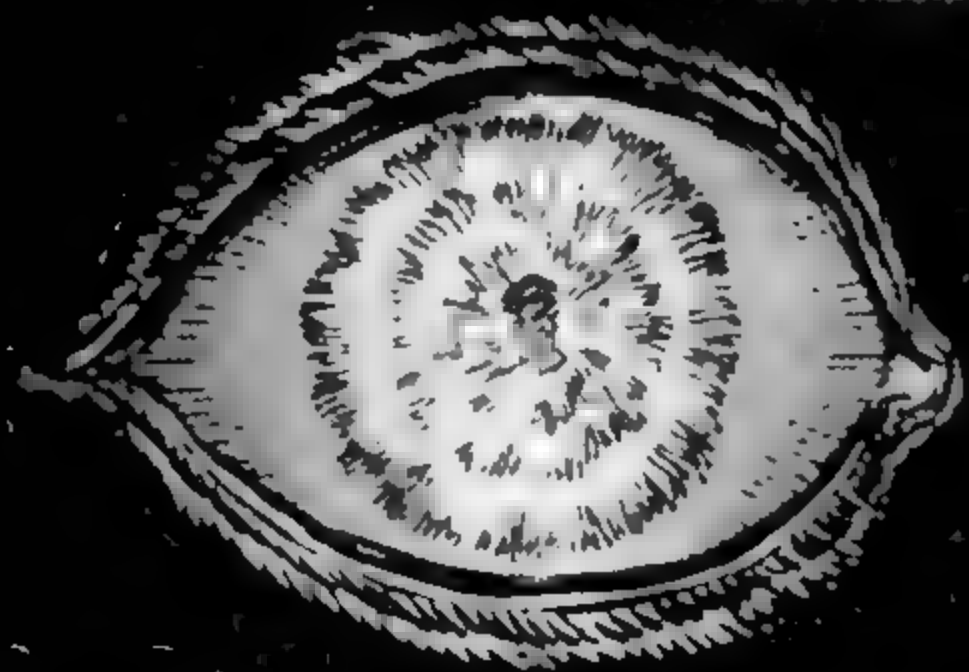
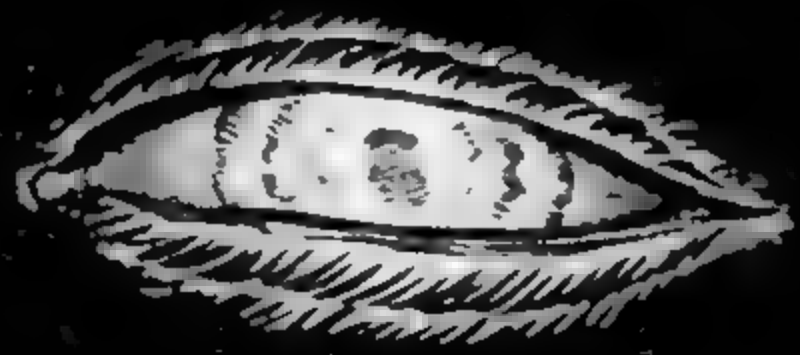
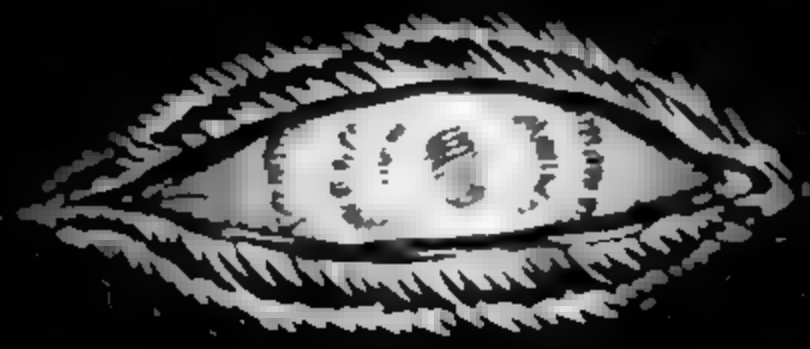
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CHILDREN OF SHADOW







FX: THUD

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FX: OOO



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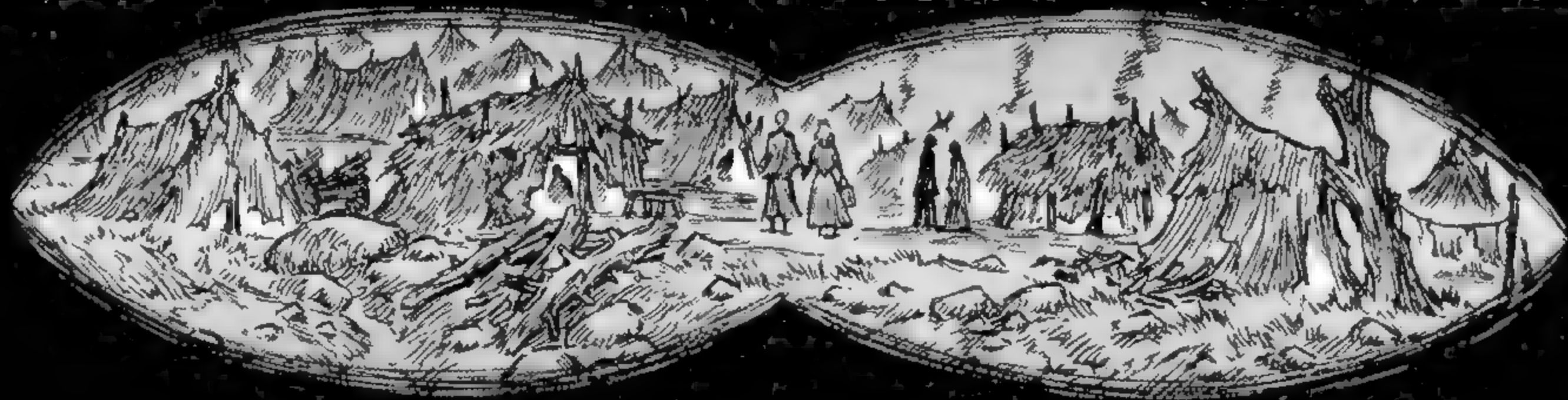
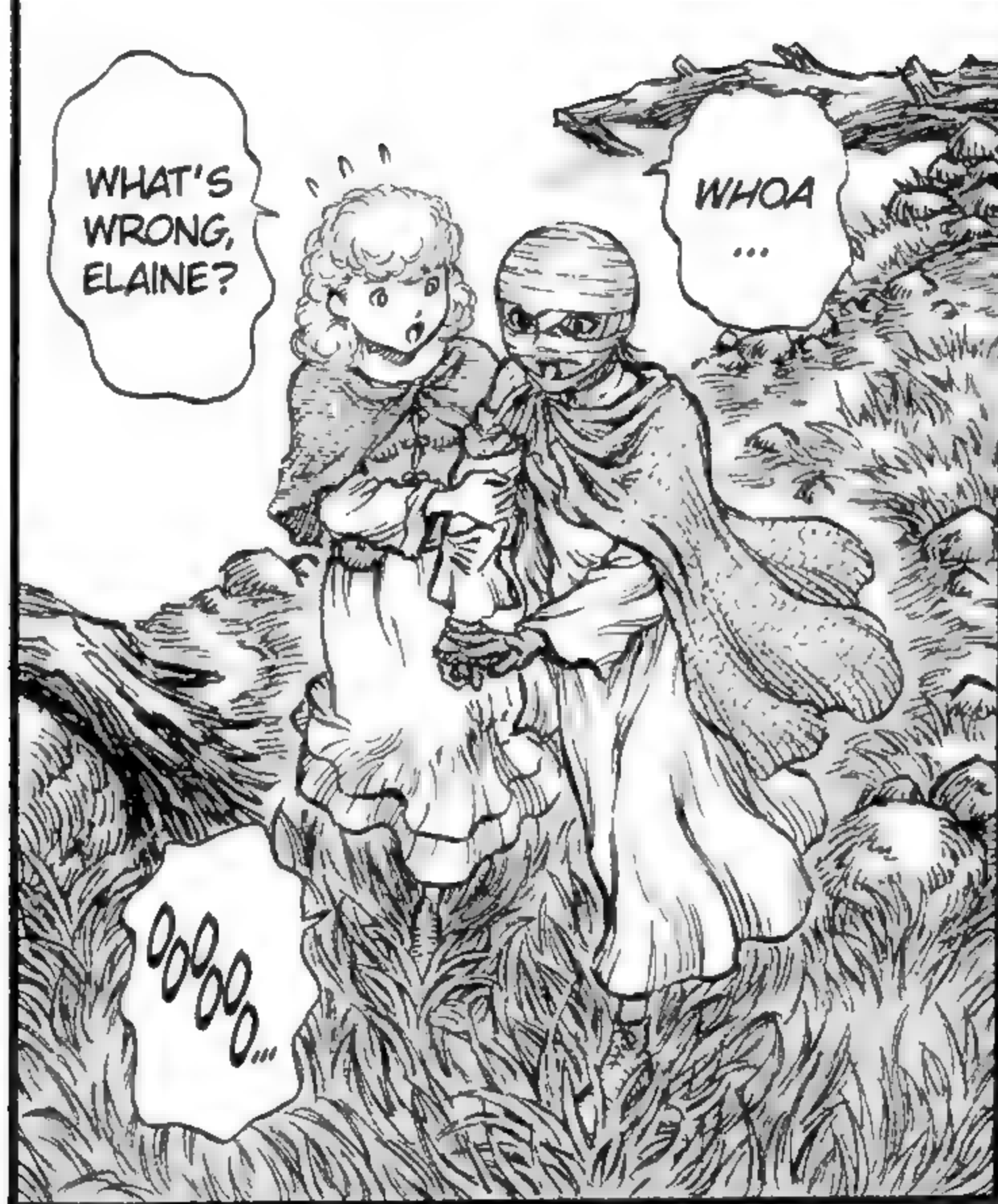
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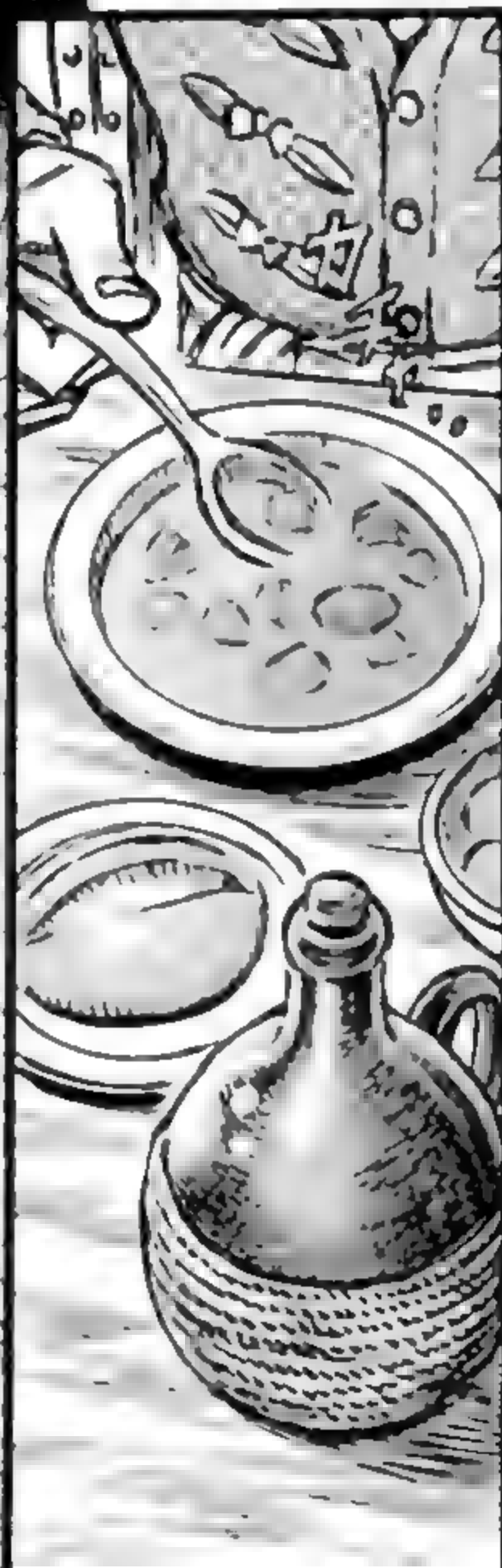
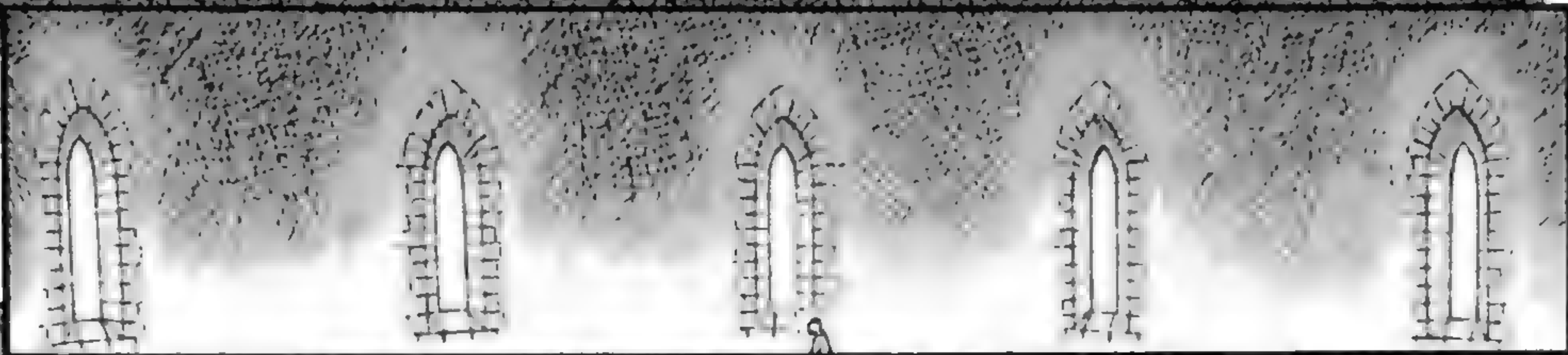
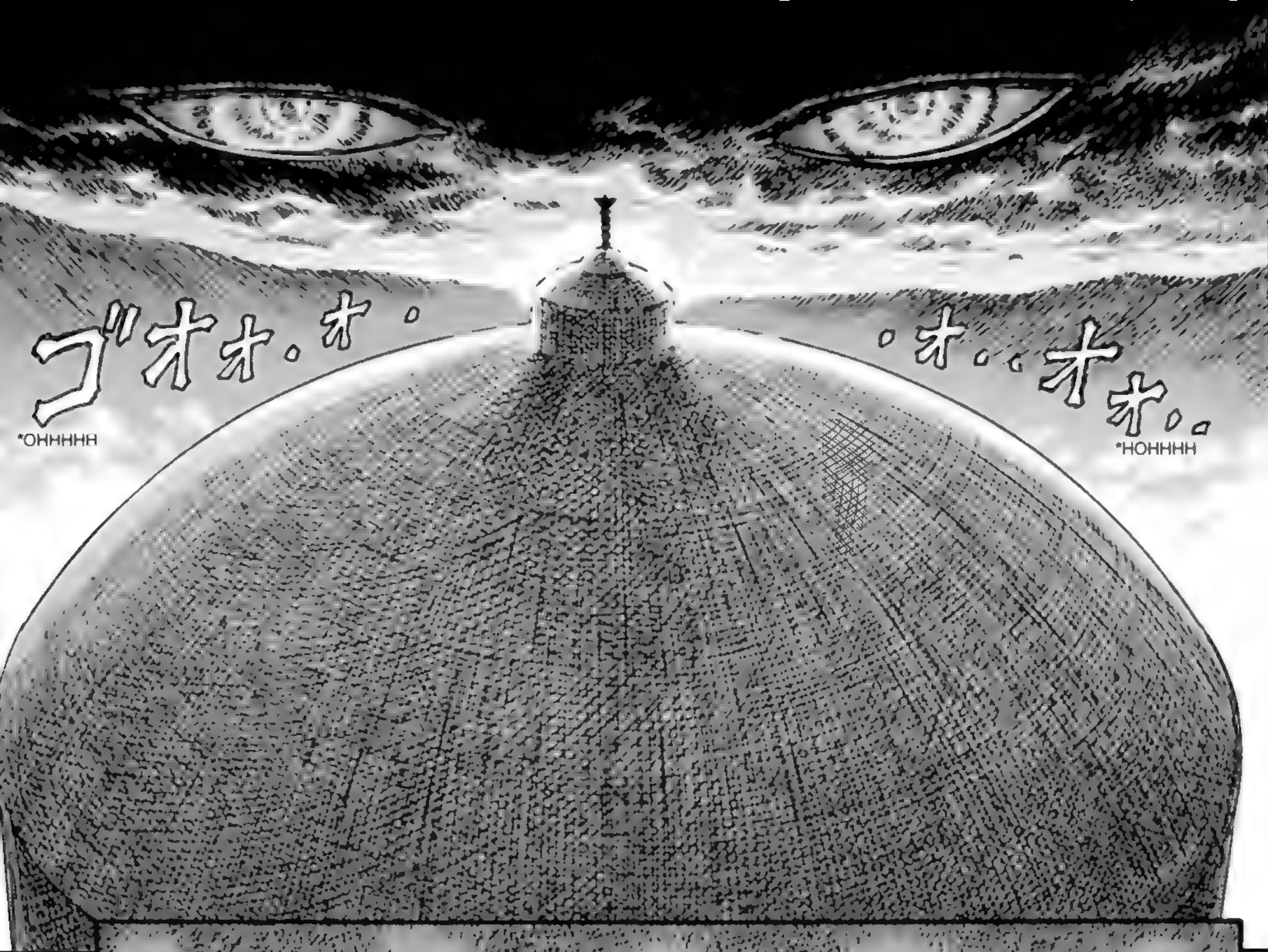


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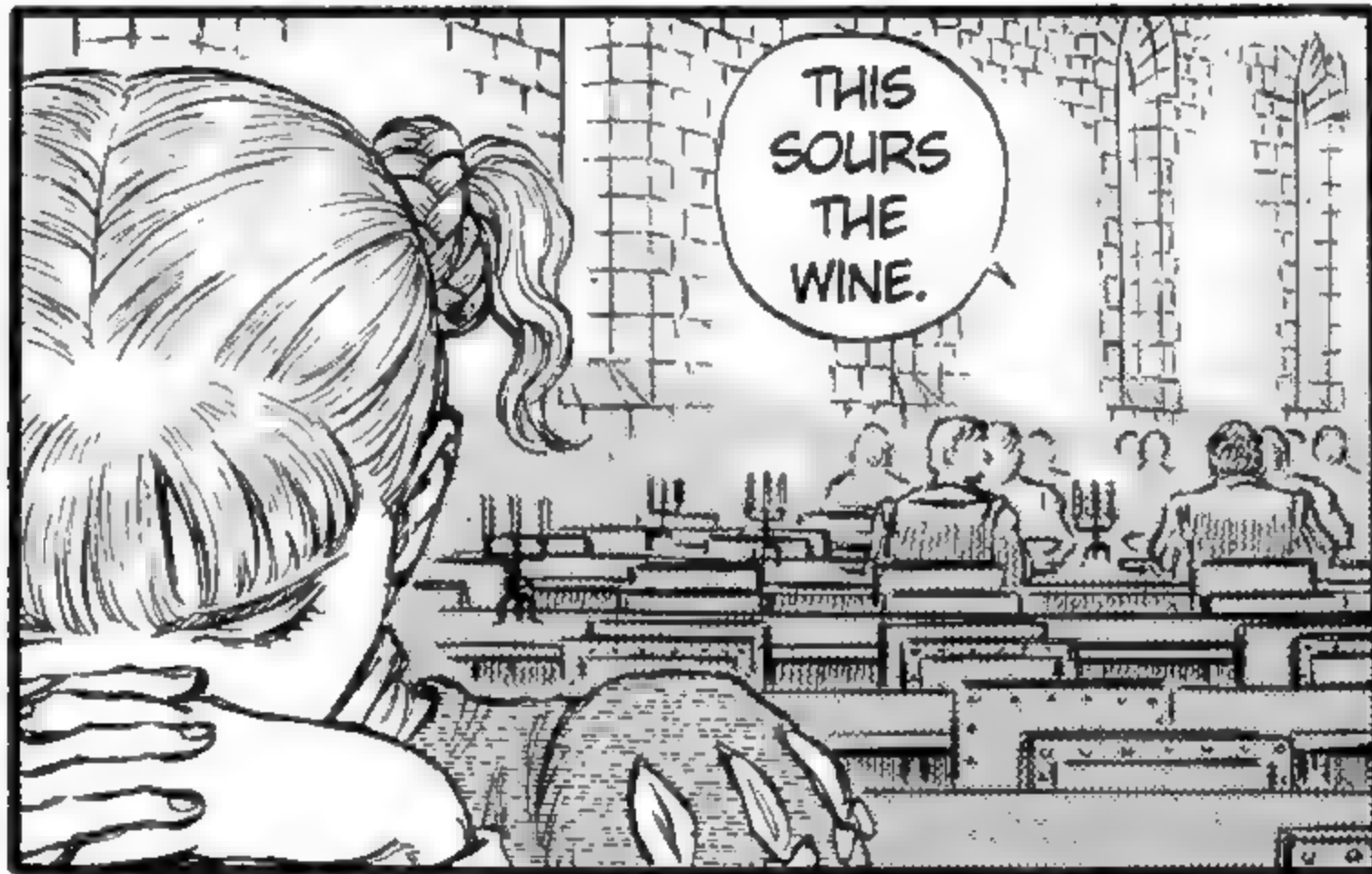




*FX: KCHULP



*FX: CLANG



*FX: GYAHHH AH HH





OR MAYBE
IT'S HER
WOMAN'S
HEART...

SHH!
SHE
HEARS
YOU.



PLEASE
BE
MORE
CARE-
FUL!

I APOLO-
GIZE.

OH
MY...



WHOA!

*FX: CLASHANNG

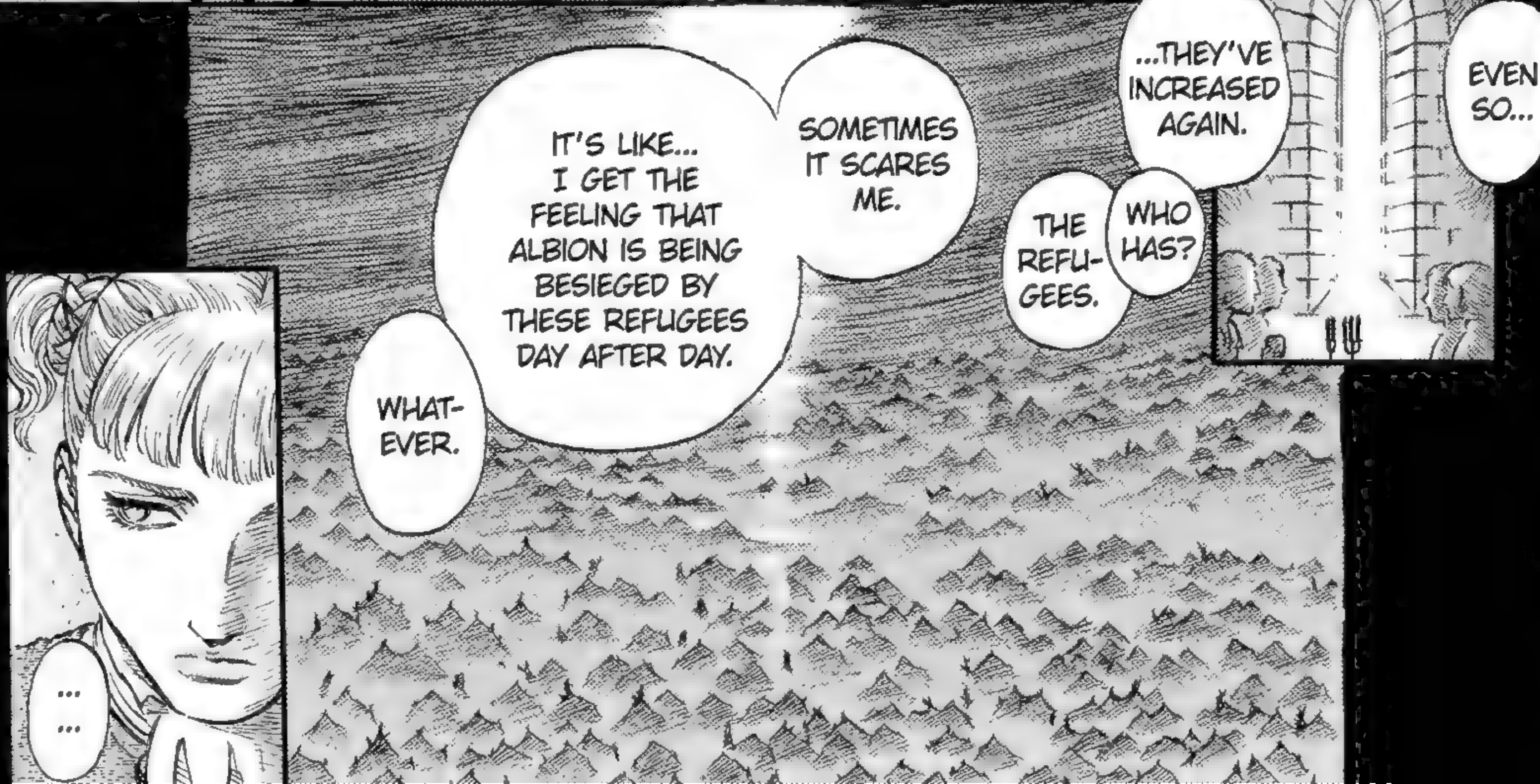


I'M
SORRY.

DON'T
WASTE
FOOD.

WHY'S A
DOLT LIKE
HIM A HERALD
OF ARMS?

BECAUSE HE
WAGS HIS TAIL
AND LICKS HER
BOOTS LIKE
THAT.



IT'S LIKE...
I GET THE
FEELING THAT
ALBION IS BEING
BESIEGED BY
THESE REFUGEES
DAY AFTER DAY.

SOMETIMES
IT SCARES
ME.

...THEY'VE
INCREASED
AGAIN.

EVEN
SO...

THE
REFU-
GEES.

WHO
HAS?

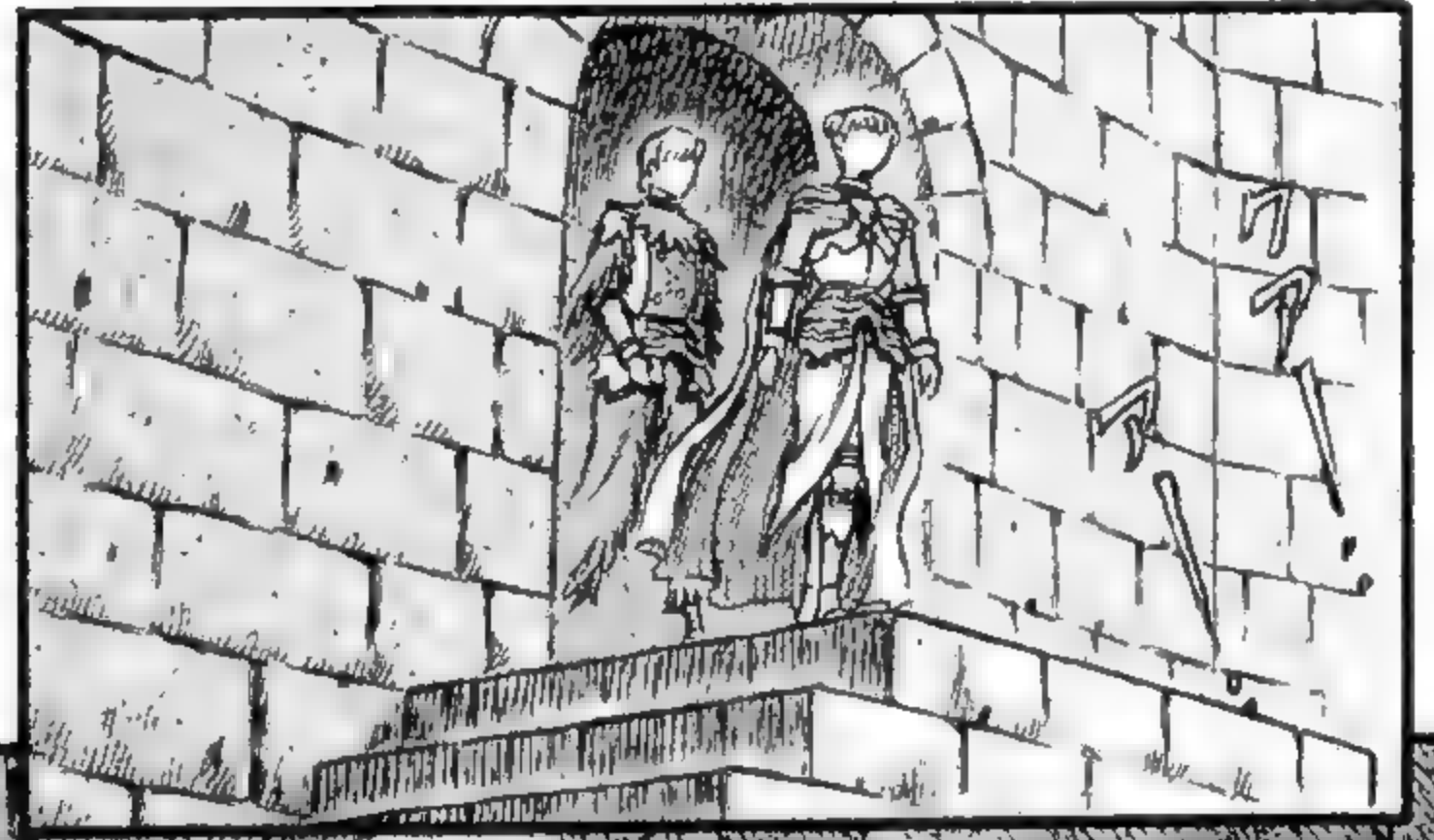
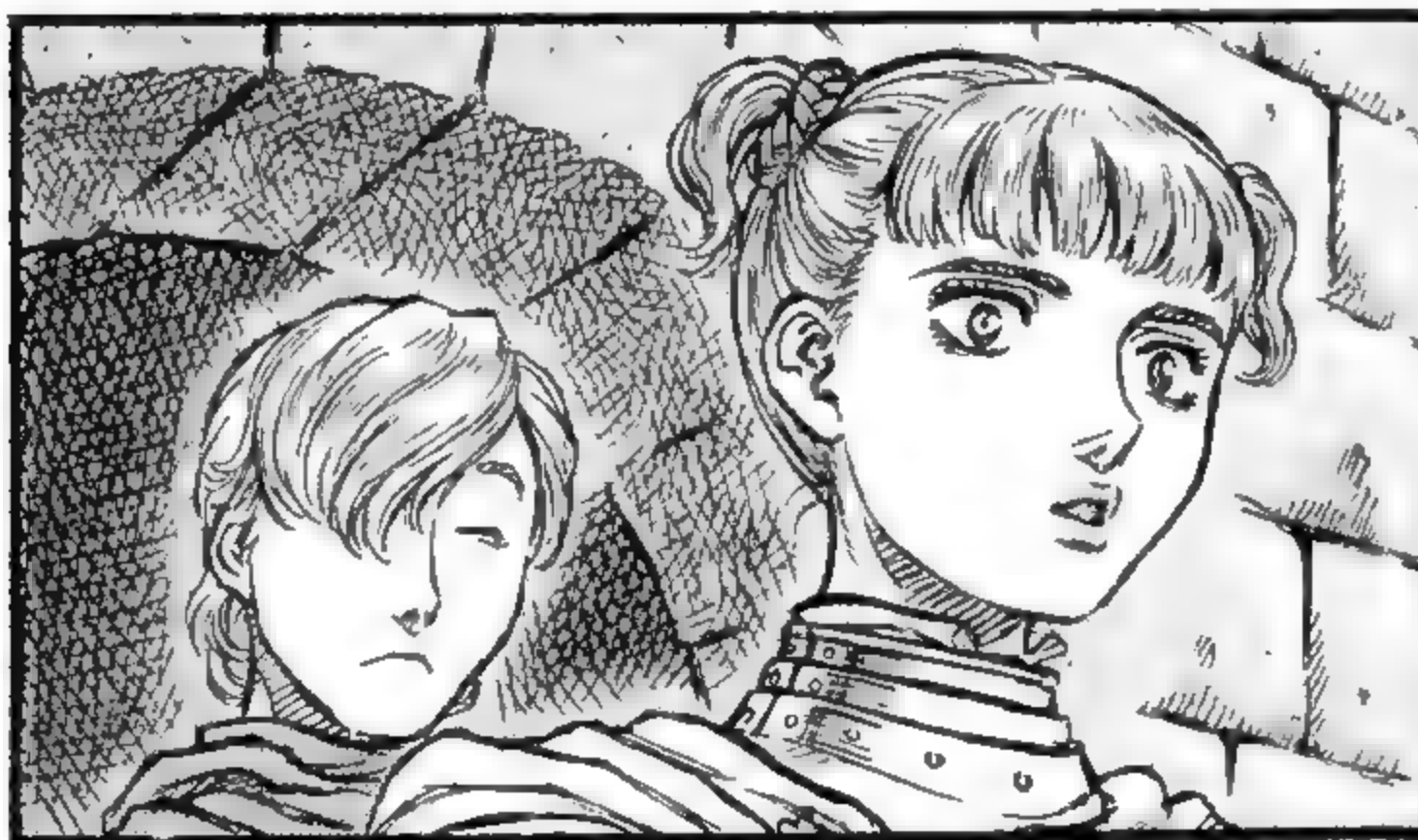
WHAT-
EVER.

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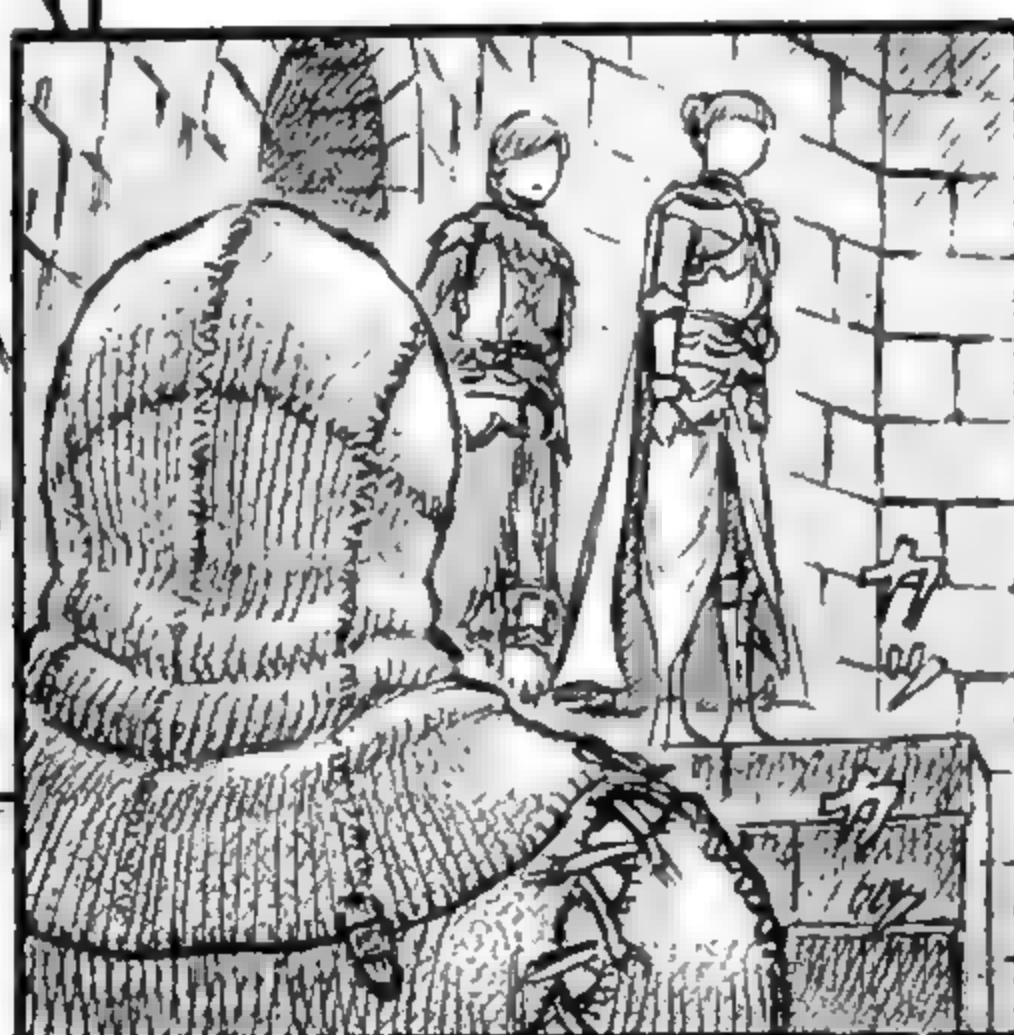
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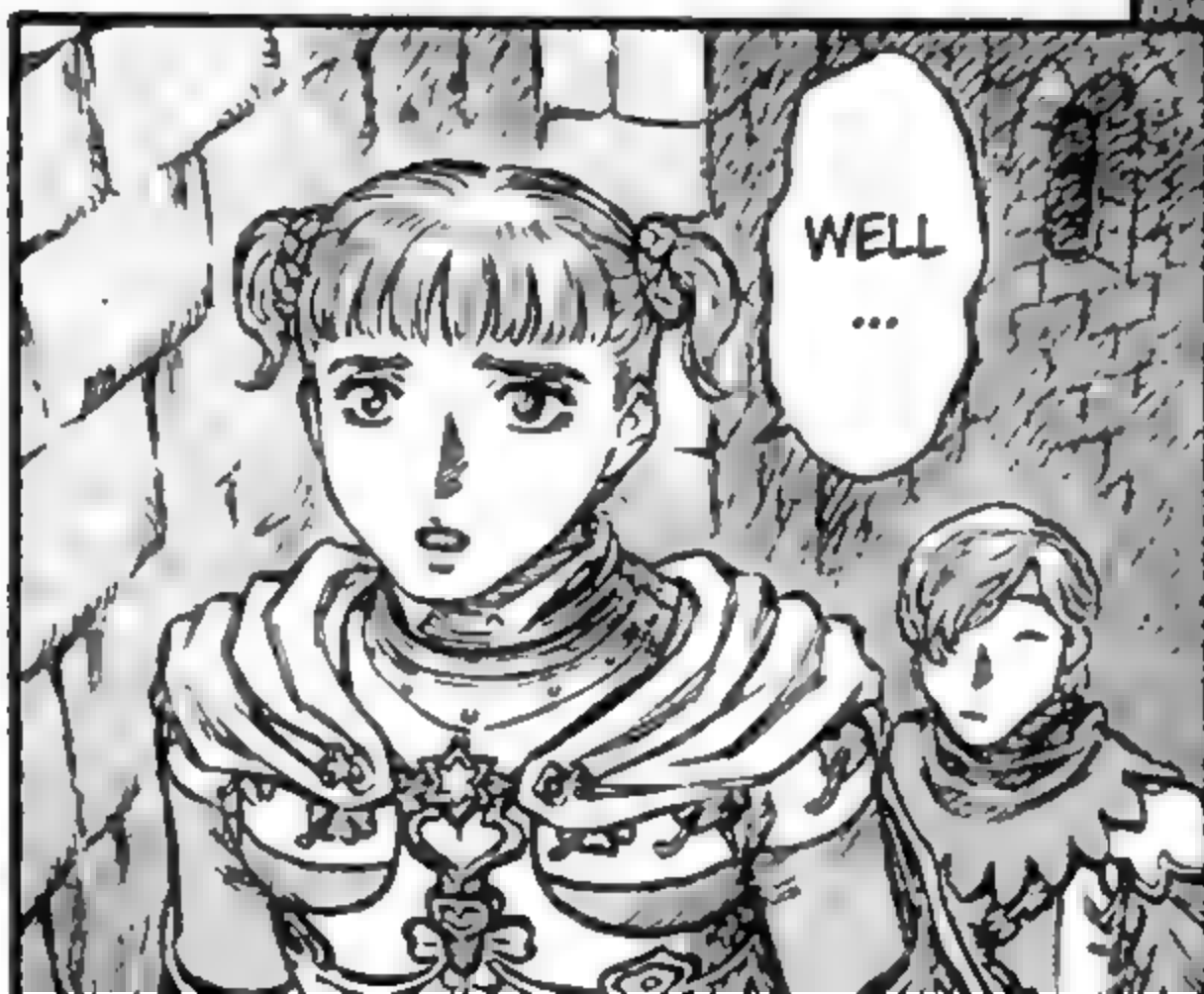
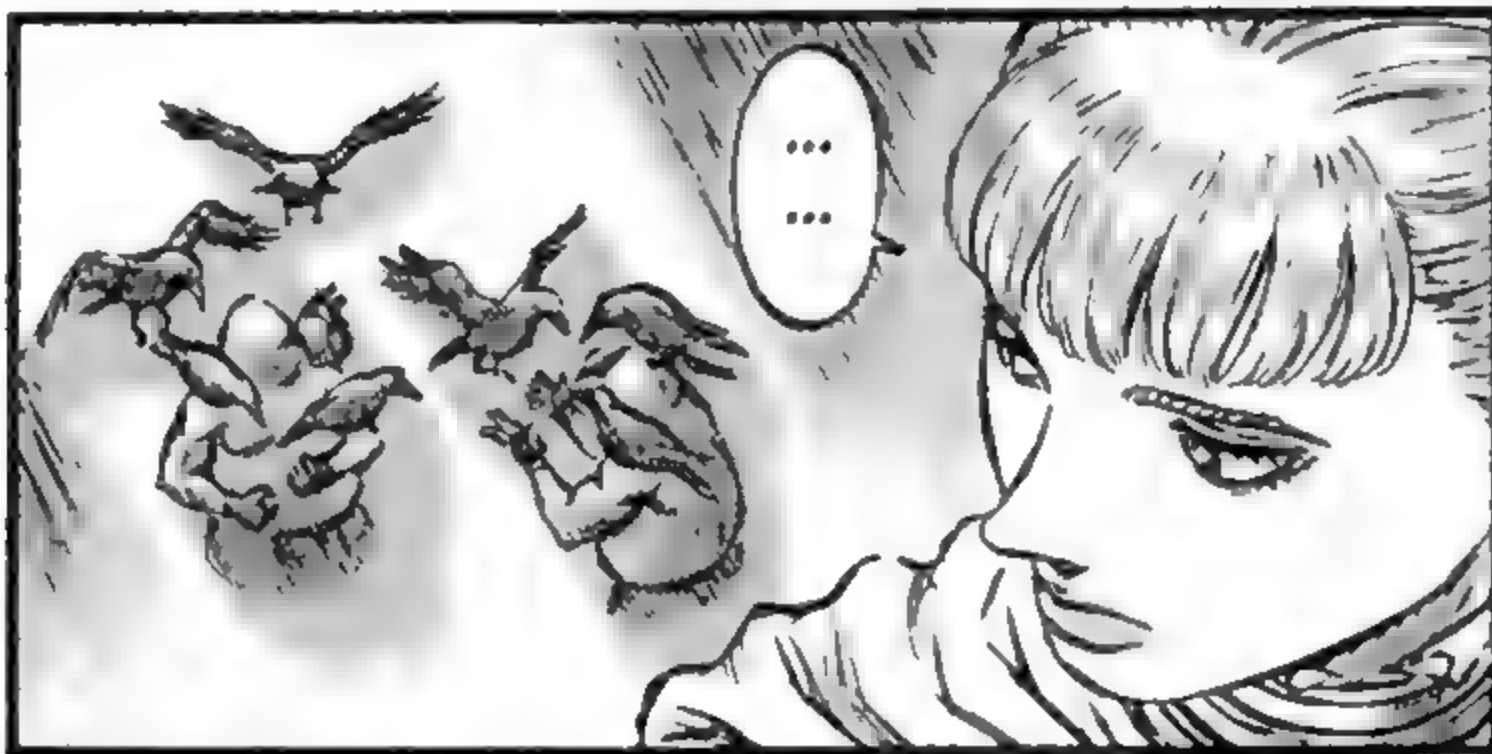
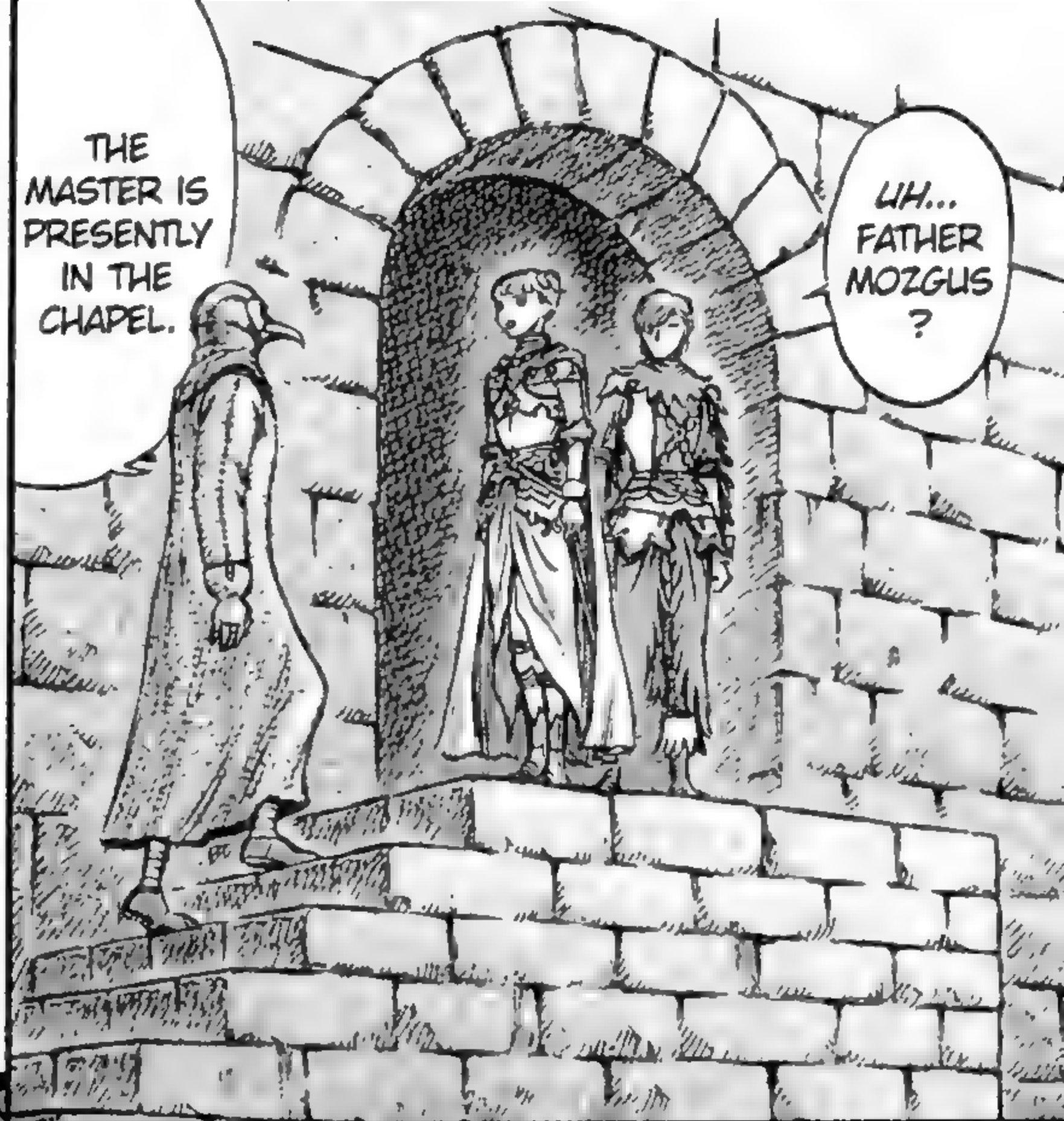
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*FX: KAA KWAA







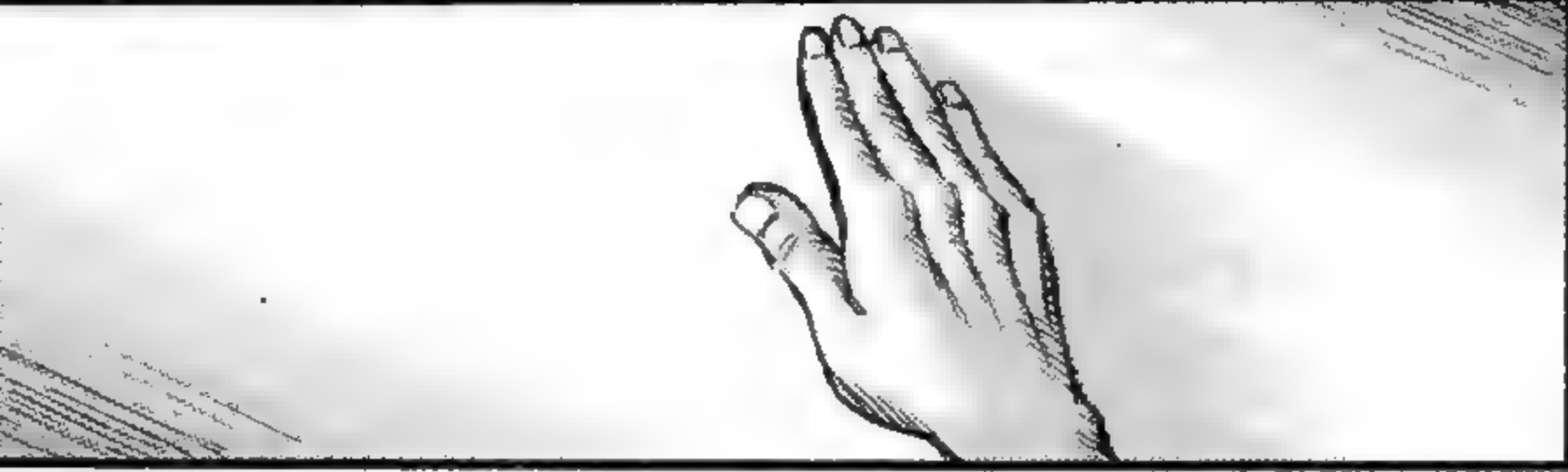
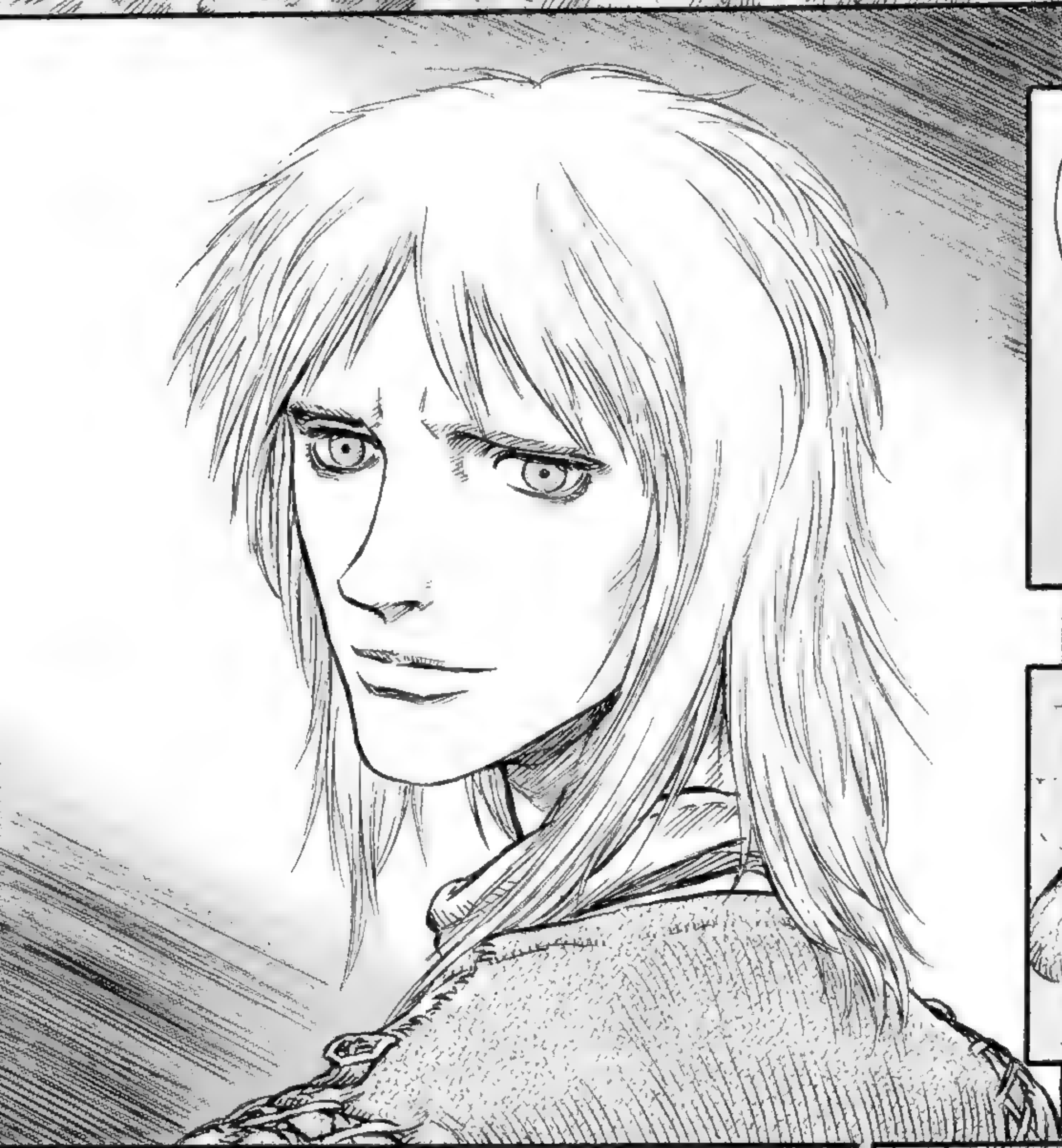


"WE HAVE BEEN CHASED FROM VILLAGES AND TOWNS, SOLD TO CIRCUSES, AND SOME AMONG US HAVE LIVED SECRETLY IN FORESTS, LOATHED AS MONSTERS."

"WE HAVE EACH BEEN CRUELLY PERSECUTED BECAUSE OF OUR APPEARANCE."



THEY ARE GOOD-NATURED.



*FX: TSSS



PLEASE OBSERVE.

HE SEEMS HANDSOME ENOUGH.



"...TO A PLACE WHERE MY BURNED, RACKED BODY WOULD BE SEEN BY NONE."

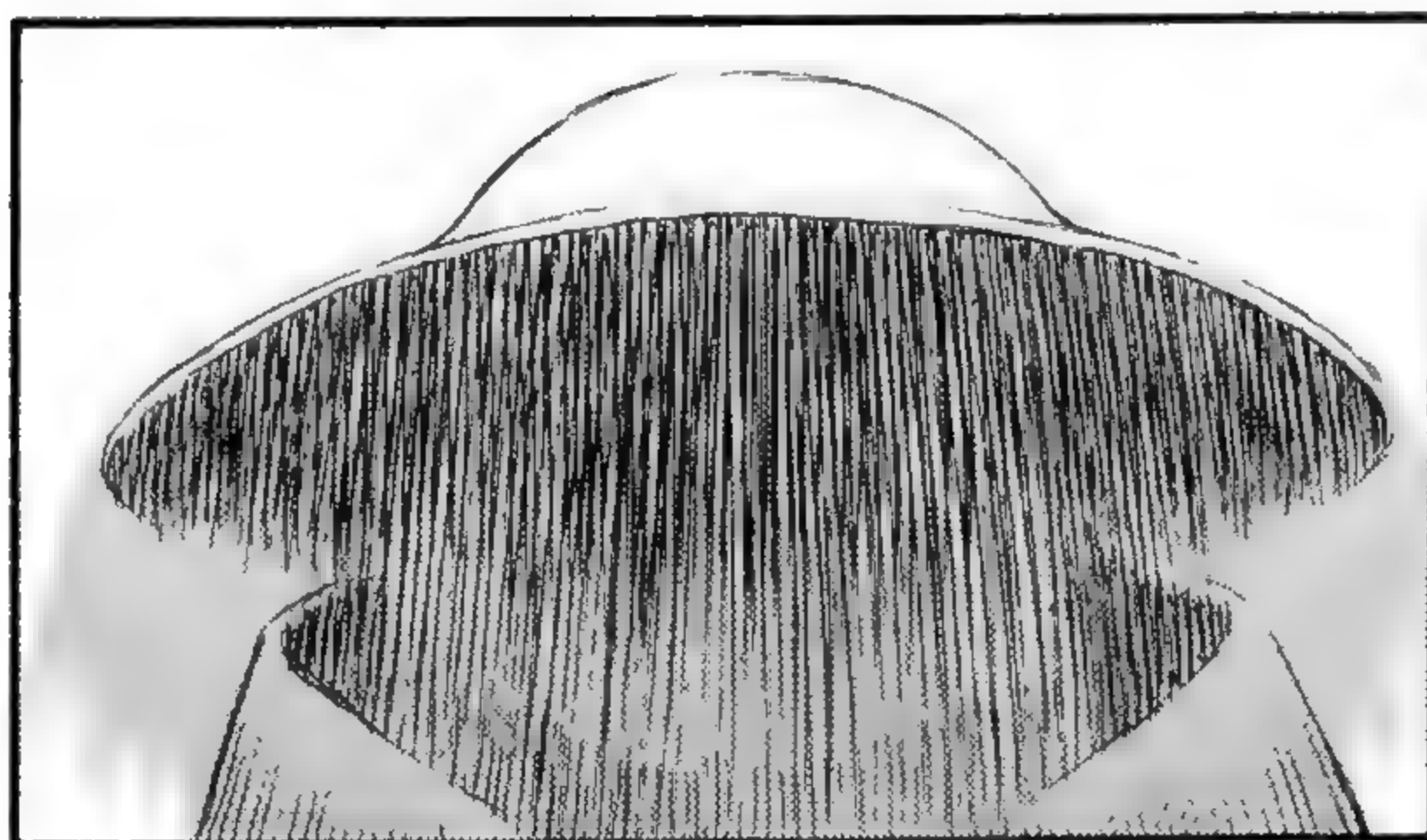
"I WAS DRIVEN FROM MY VILLAGE AND THE WORLD OF MEN..."

"CURSING THIS WORLD, I SOUGHT TO ROT AWAY, ALONE WITHIN THE HOLLOW OF A TREE BY THE WAYSIDE."



MY CONSTITUTION IS ALSO WEAK, AND WITHOUT THIS MASK I WOULD MOST LIKELY SUCCLUMB TO CONTAGION WITHIN THREE DAYS.

I HAVE HAD THIS AILMENT SINCE BIRTH. WHEN IN CONTACT WITH SUNLIGHT, MY SKIN BECOMES INFLAMED AS IF IT HAD BEEN SCALDED...



"IT WAS THEN THAT I HAPPENED TO MEET FATHER MOZGUS."



"...SAID THE MASTER AS HE COVERED ME WITH HIS ROBE AND AFFECTIONATELY BLOCKED THE LIGHT OF THE SUN."



...I GIVE THANKS FOR THIS FATED ENCOUNTER.

LORD GOD...

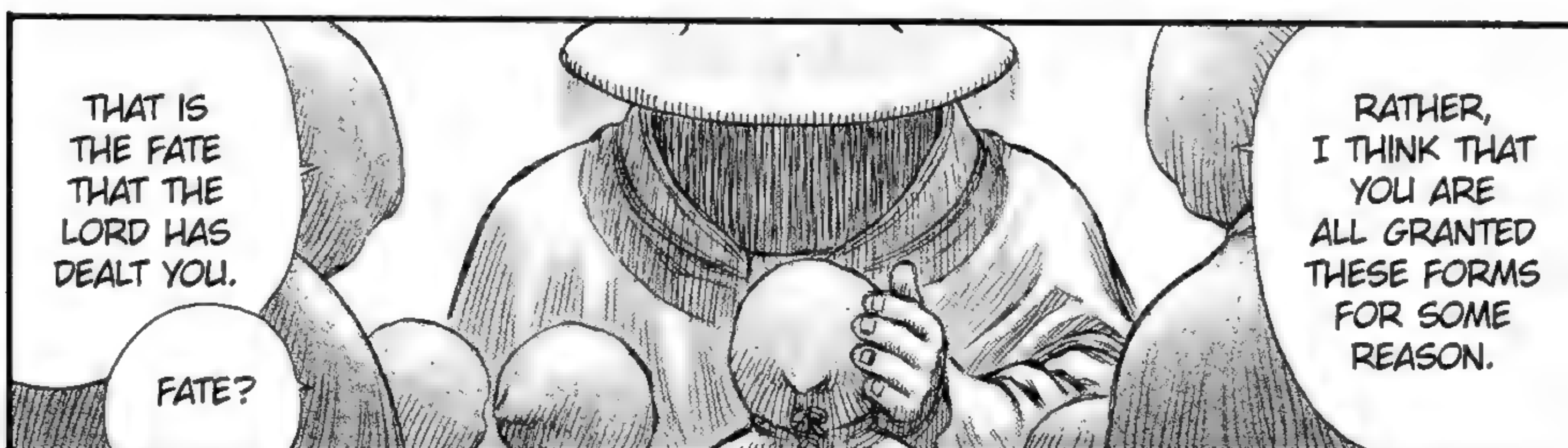


...BUT
THEY
ARE IN
ERROR...

...BECAUSE
IN THESE
SCRIPTURES,
NOT A WORD IS
WRITTEN WHICH
CONDEMNS YOU
AS SUCH.

"AGAIN WE
WERE ALL
TOLD THIS
BY HIM."

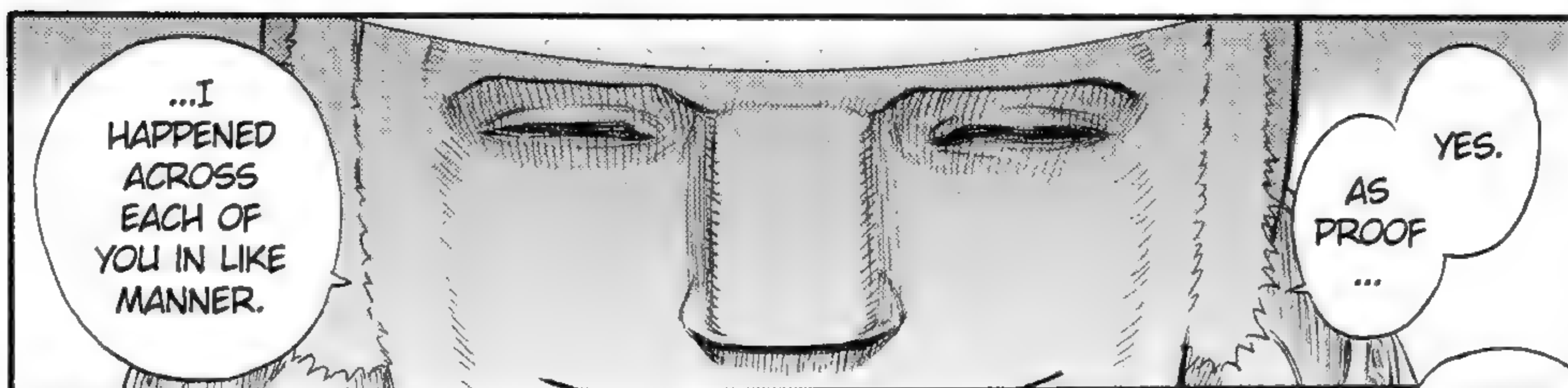
PEOPLE
MAY CALL
YOU
DEMONS OR
MONSTERS
FOR YOUR
APPEARANCE
...



THAT IS
THE FATE
THAT THE
LORD HAS
DEALT YOU.

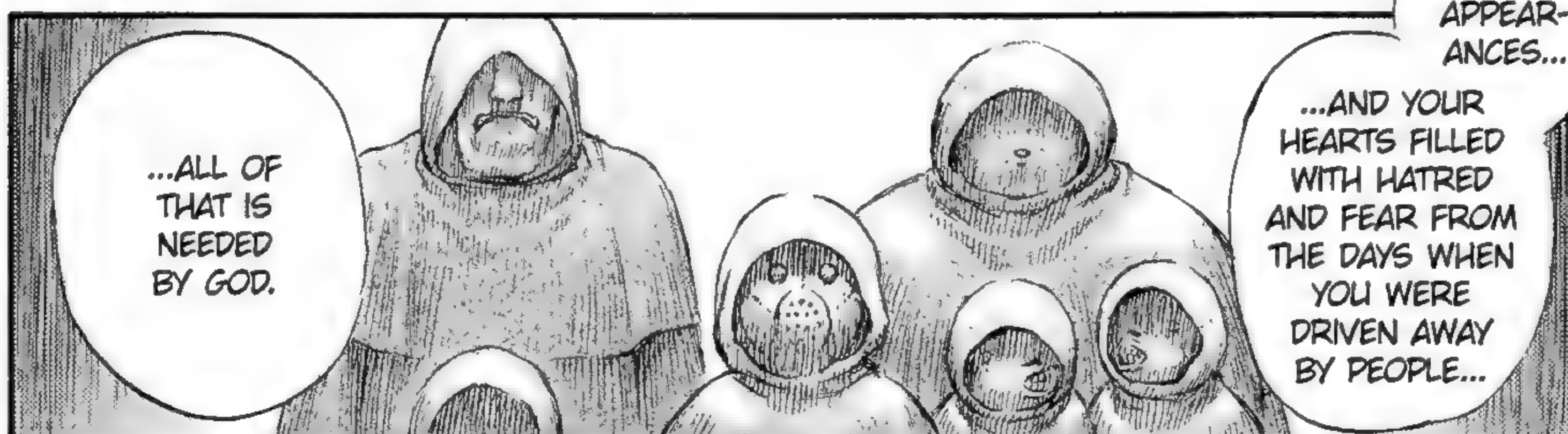
FATE?

RATHER,
I THINK THAT
YOU ARE
ALL GRANTED
THESE FORMS
FOR SOME
REASON.



...I
HAPPENED
ACROSS
EACH OF
YOU IN LIKE
MANNER.

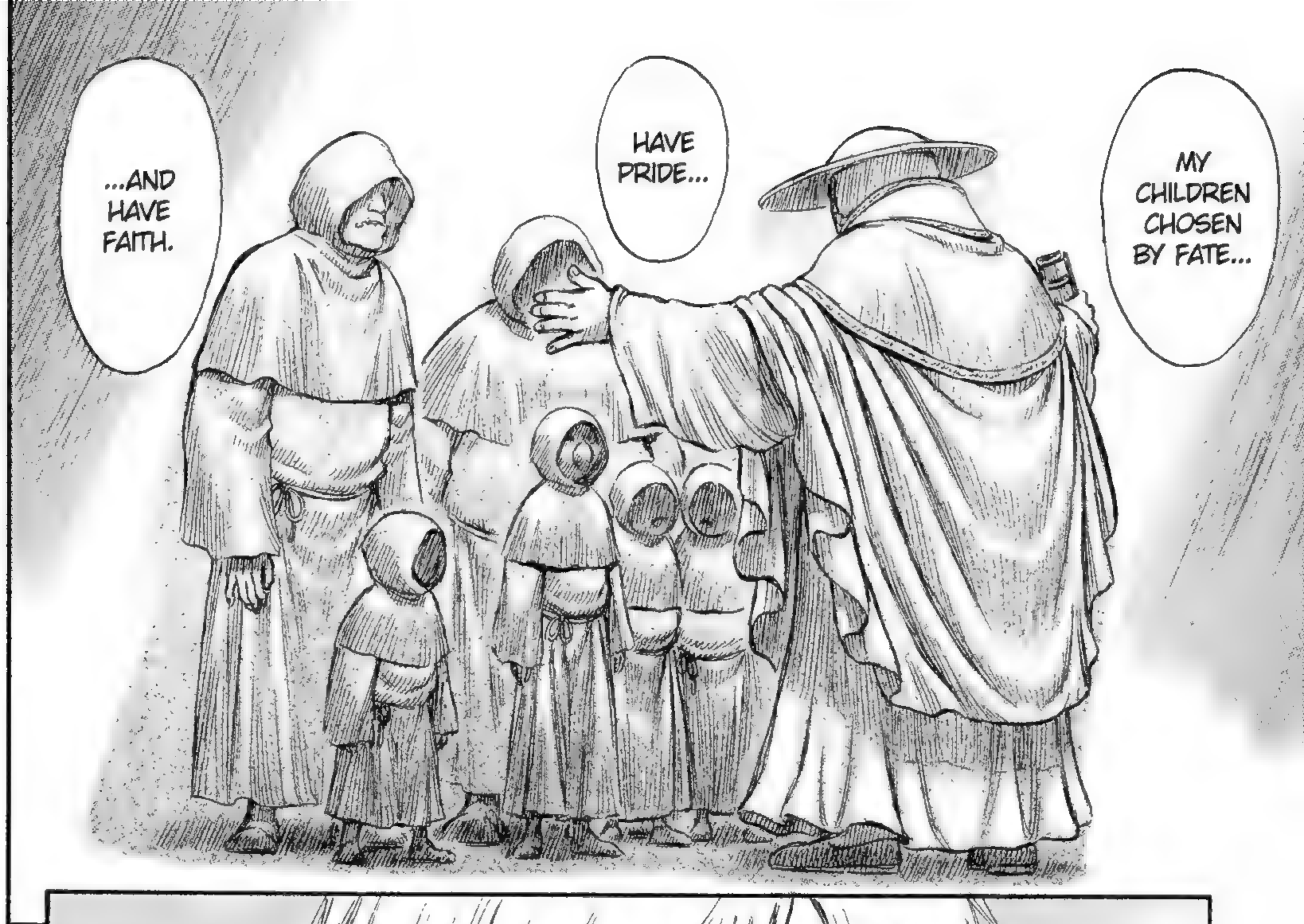
YES.
AS
PROOF
...



...ALL OF
THAT IS
NEEDED
BY GOD.

YOUR
UNUSUAL
APPEAR-
ANCES...

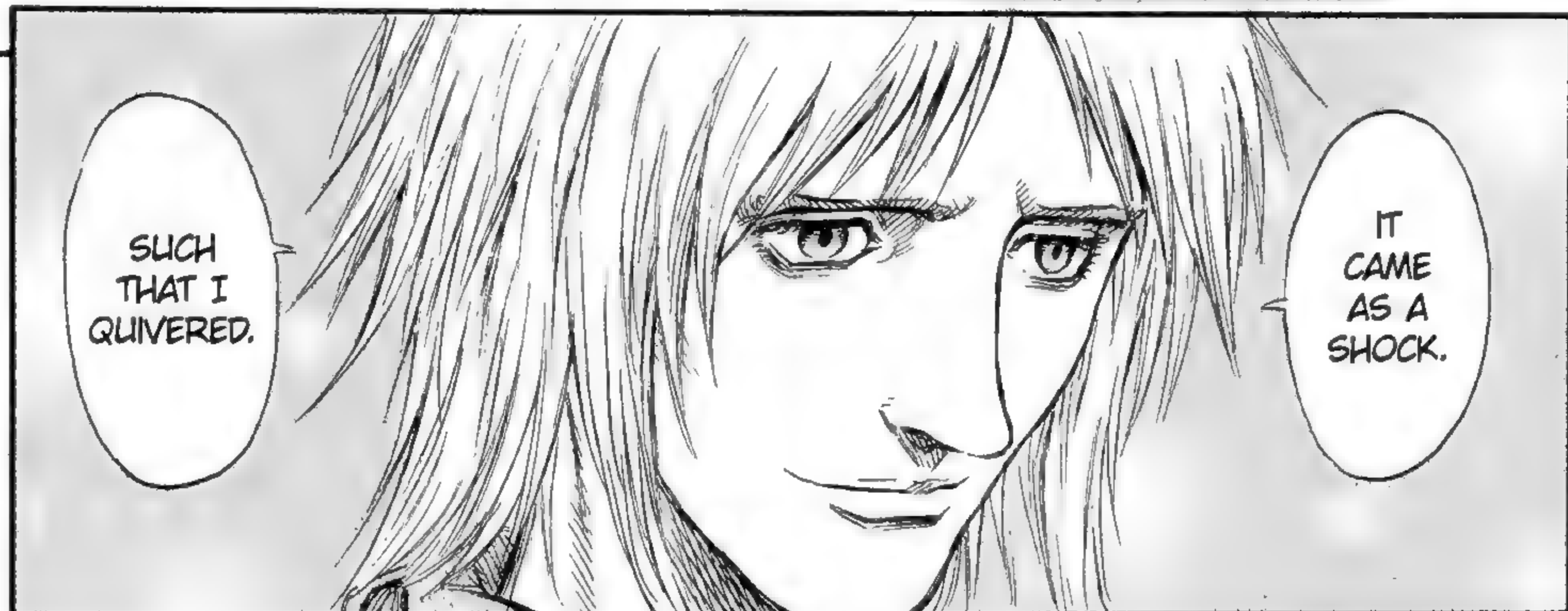
...AND YOUR
HEARTS FILLED
WITH HATRED
AND FEAR FROM
THE DAYS WHEN
YOU WERE
DRIVEN AWAY
BY PEOPLE...



...AND
HAVE
FAITH.

HAVE
PRIDE...

MY
CHILDREN
CHOSEN
BY FATE...



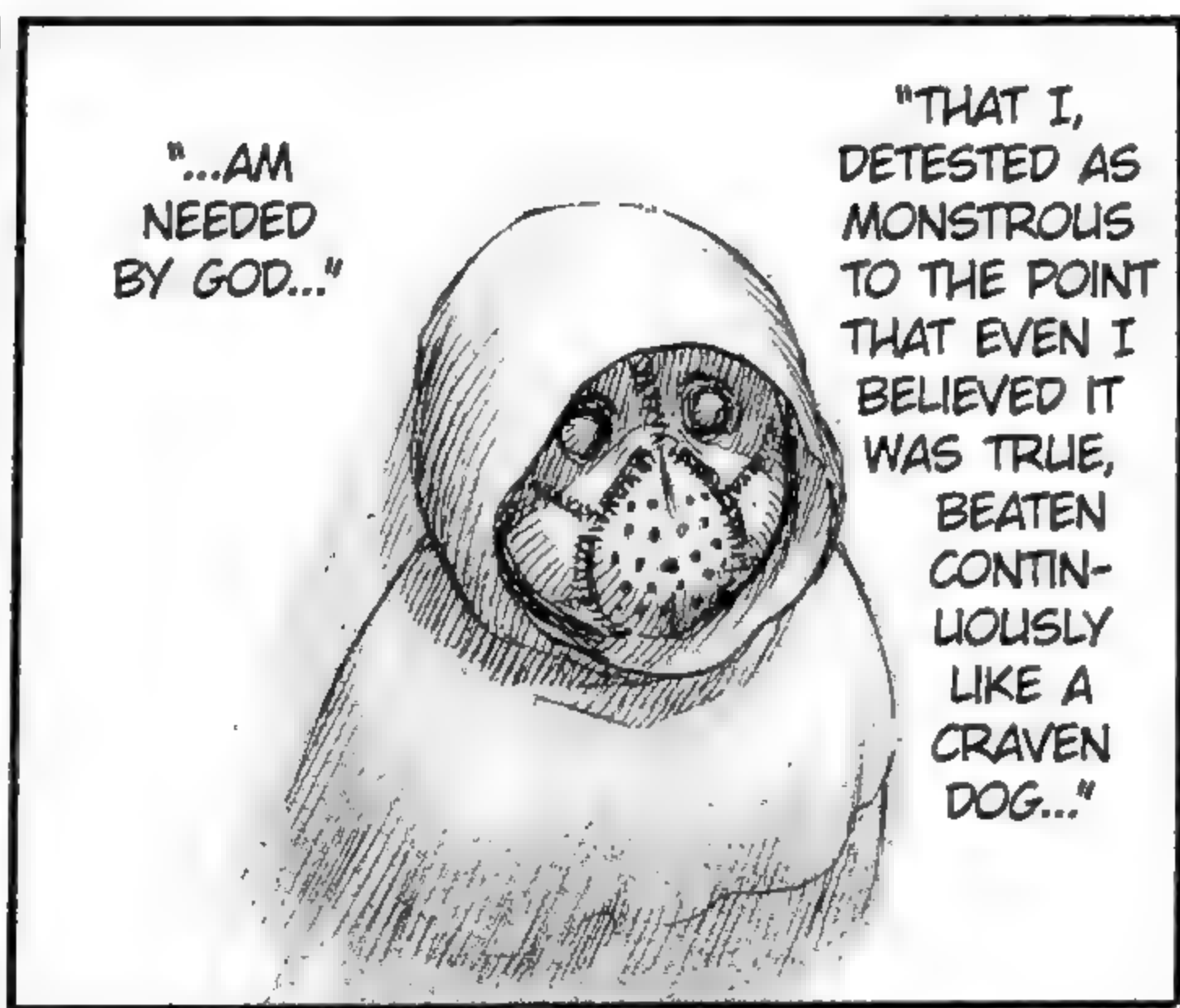
SUCH
THAT I
QUIVERED.

IT
CAME
AS A
SHOCK.



IT
WAS A
MIRACLE.

YES...



"...AM
NEEDED
BY GOD..."

"THAT I,
DETESTED AS
MONSTROUS
TO THE POINT
THAT EVEN I
BELIEVED IT
WAS TRUE,
BEATEN
CONTIN-
UOUSLY
LIKE A
CRAVEN
DOG..."

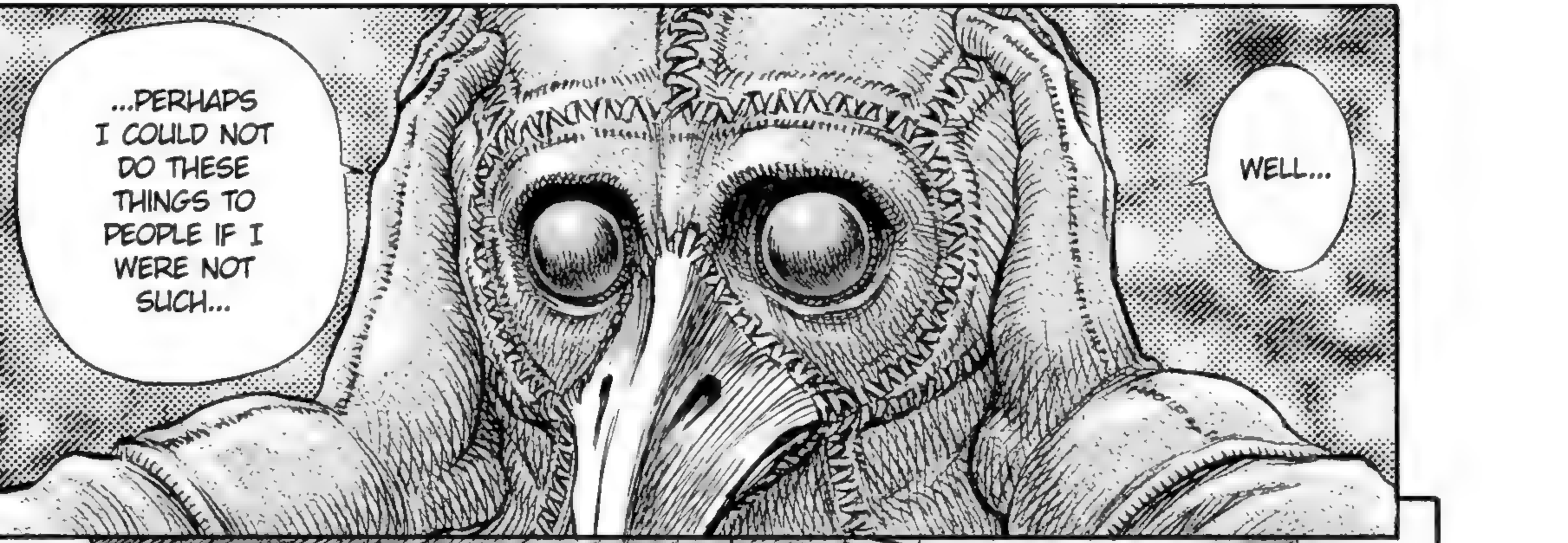


NEITHER
CAN I COME
TO ENJOY
HURTING
PEOPLE.

I FEEL AS
IF I REALLY
HAVE
BECOME A
MONSTER...

I AM
SHUNNED,
HATED,
AND
FEARED.

I DO NOT
ENJOY THIS
WORK.



...PERHAPS
I COULD NOT
DO THESE
THINGS TO
PEOPLE IF I
WERE NOT
SUCH...

WELL...



...BECAUSE
THIS IS
THE HOLY
POST...

...GRANTED
TO ME BY
GOD AND
RECORDED
BY THE
HOLY SEE IN
SCRIPTURE...

HOW-
EVER...

...EVEN SO,
I DO HAVE
PRIDE...



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*FX KANNNG KANNNG



THE
MASTER'S
WORSHIP.

THE
SOUND
OF WOR-
SHIP.



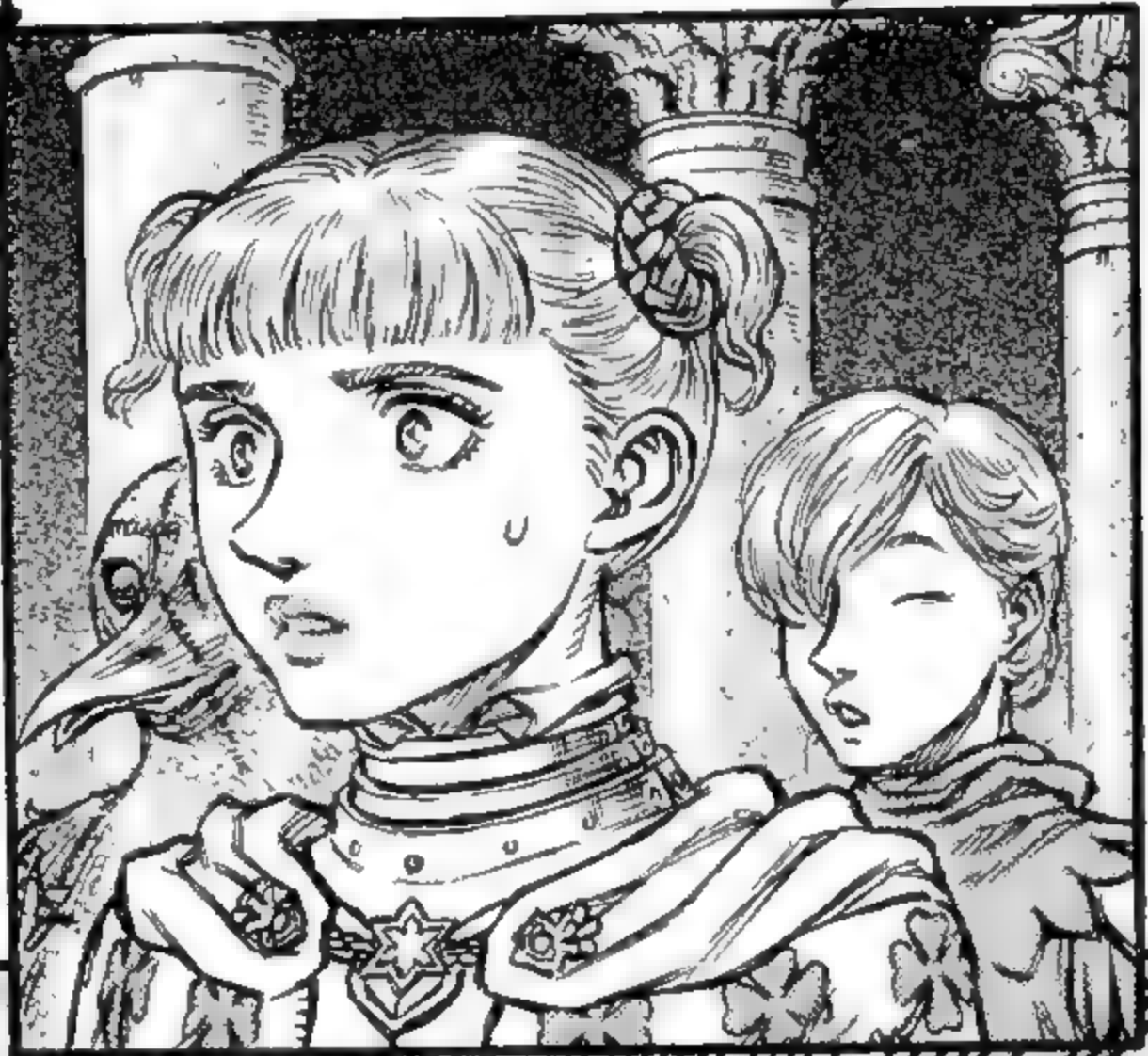
*FX KONNG *FX: GREEE *FX: KONNG





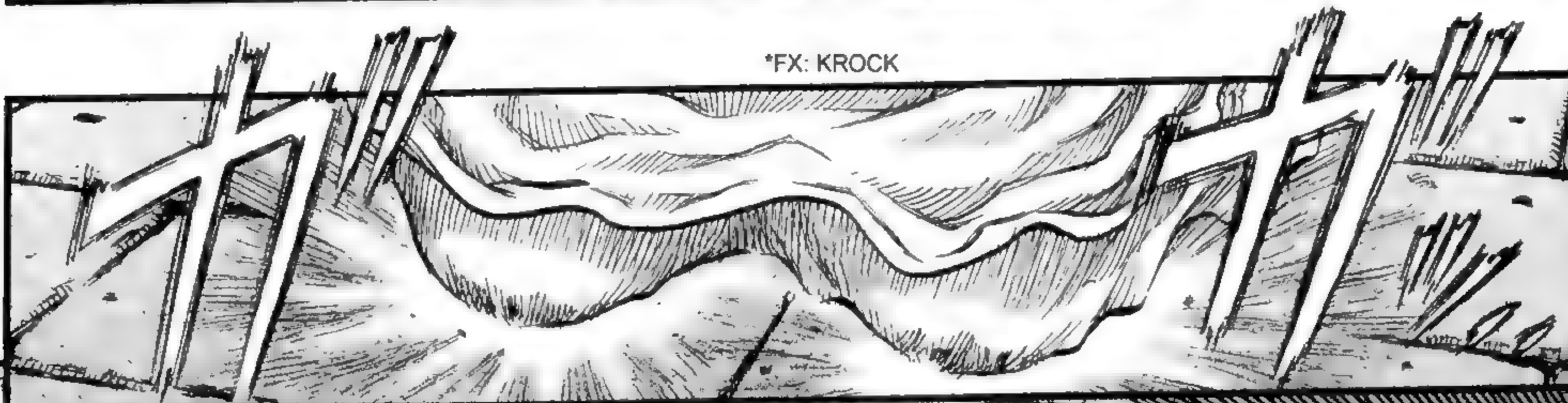
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*FX: GONNNG

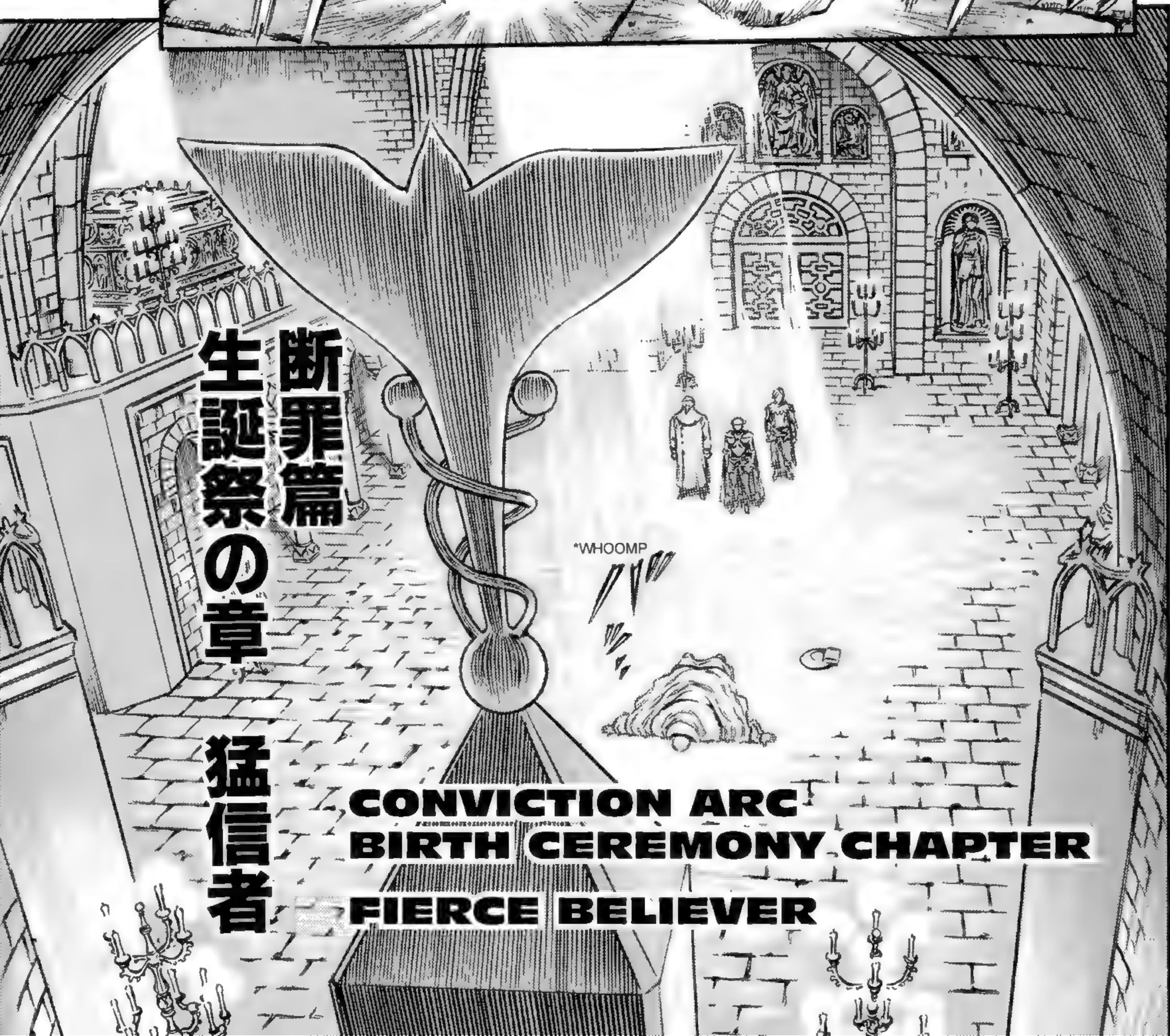


*WHOOMP

BERSEK



*FX: KROCK



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*WHOOMP

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*FX: WHOOMP



*FX: KRACK



*FX: WHOOMP

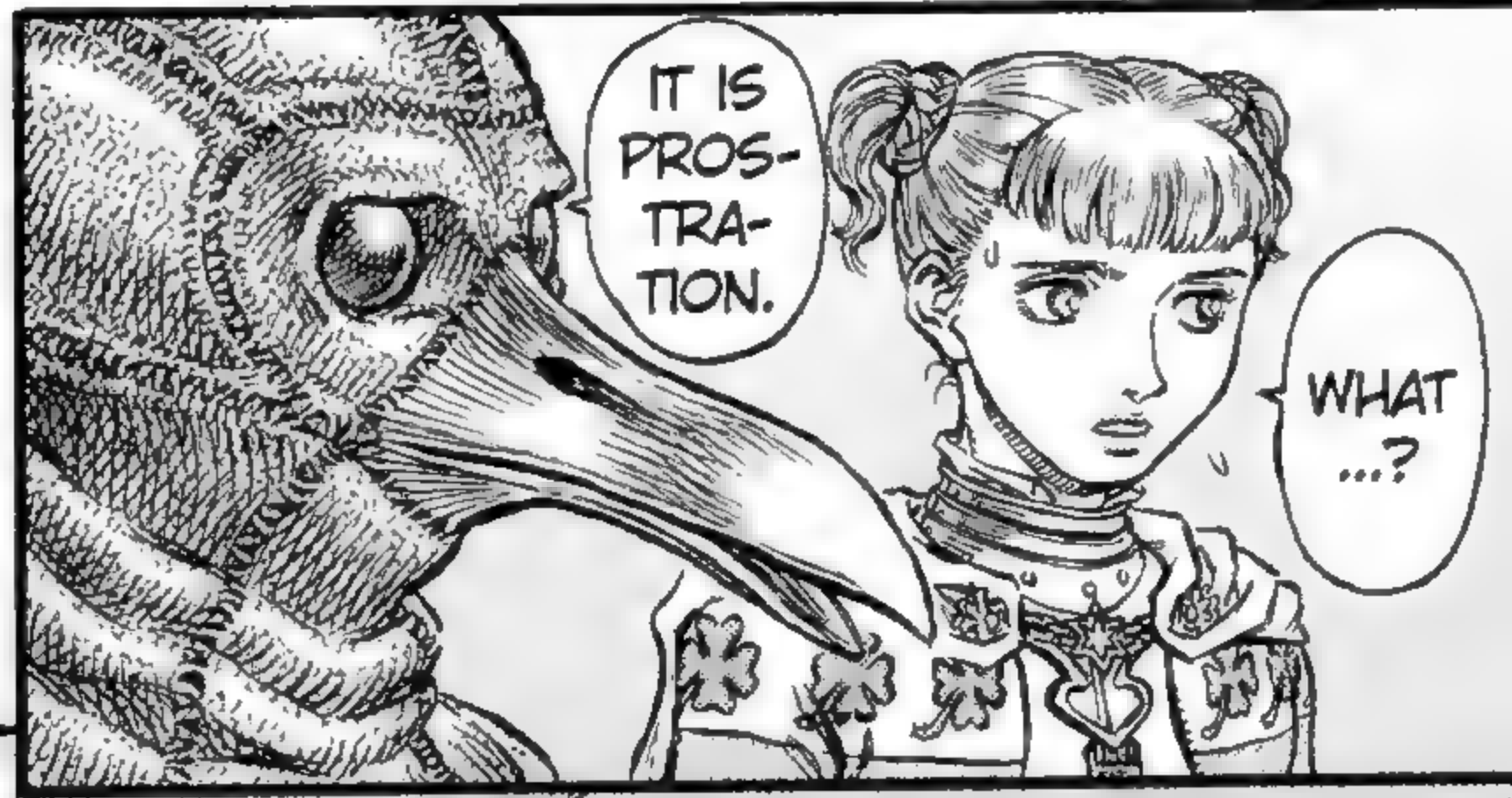


*FX: GONNG



...AND
NIGHT, A
THOUSAND
TIMES A
DAY.

FATHER
MOZGUS
REPEATS
IT MORN-
ING...



IT IS
PROS-
TRA-
TION.

WHAT
...?

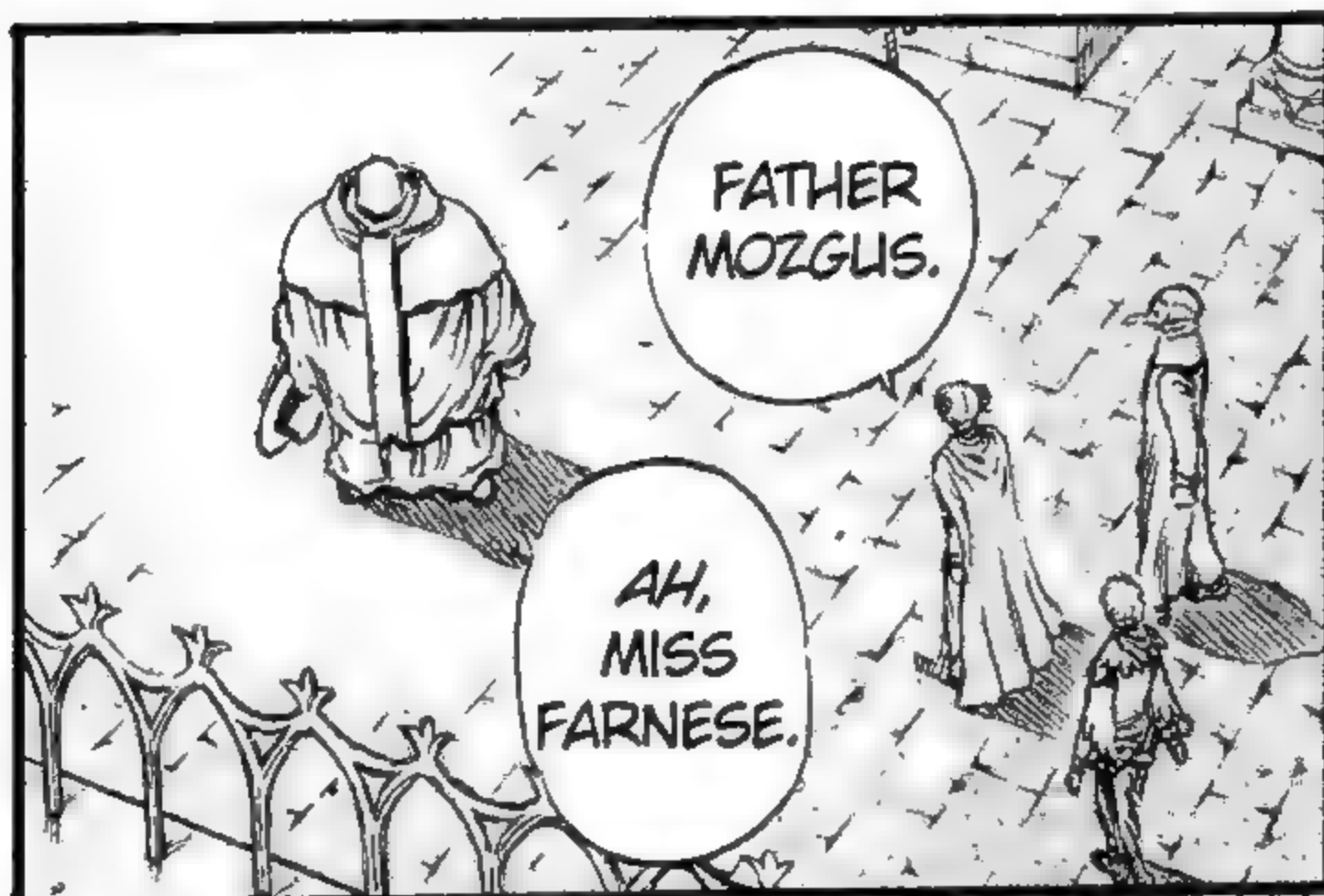


...OF
THROWING
HIMSELF
DOWN IN
PRAYER
TO GOD.

AS FAR
AS I KNOW,
IN THE PAST
TEN YEARS
FATHER
MOZGUS HAS
NOT MISSED
ONE DAY...



*FX: ("sound" of coming to rest)



FATHER
MOZGLUS.

AH,
MISS
FARNESE.



HE SEEMS
TO HAVE
FINISHED.

SO THIS
IS THE
SECRET
BEHIND
THAT
FACE.



*FX: SFF



THANK
YOU.

...



...CONTINUED TO
PROCLAIM THE SINS
OF THE KING TO
GOD, IN THE MIDST
OF EVERY POSSIBLE
TORTURE, UNTIL IN
TIME AN ANGEL
WAS MADE TO
DESCEND.

IT'S SAID
THAT A
SAGE ONCE
IMPRISONED IN
THIS TOWER BY
SUPREME KING
GAISERIC...

SURELY
THIS HOLY
GROUND HAS
MIRACULOUS
VIRTUE.

IT MUST
ALSO FILL
WORSHIP
WITH
POWER.



FATHER,
YOU ARE
BLEEDING
...

AHH.

I FAILED
TO NOTICE,
AS I CAN
HARDLY
FEEL MY
LEGS.

PLEASE
PARDON
ME.

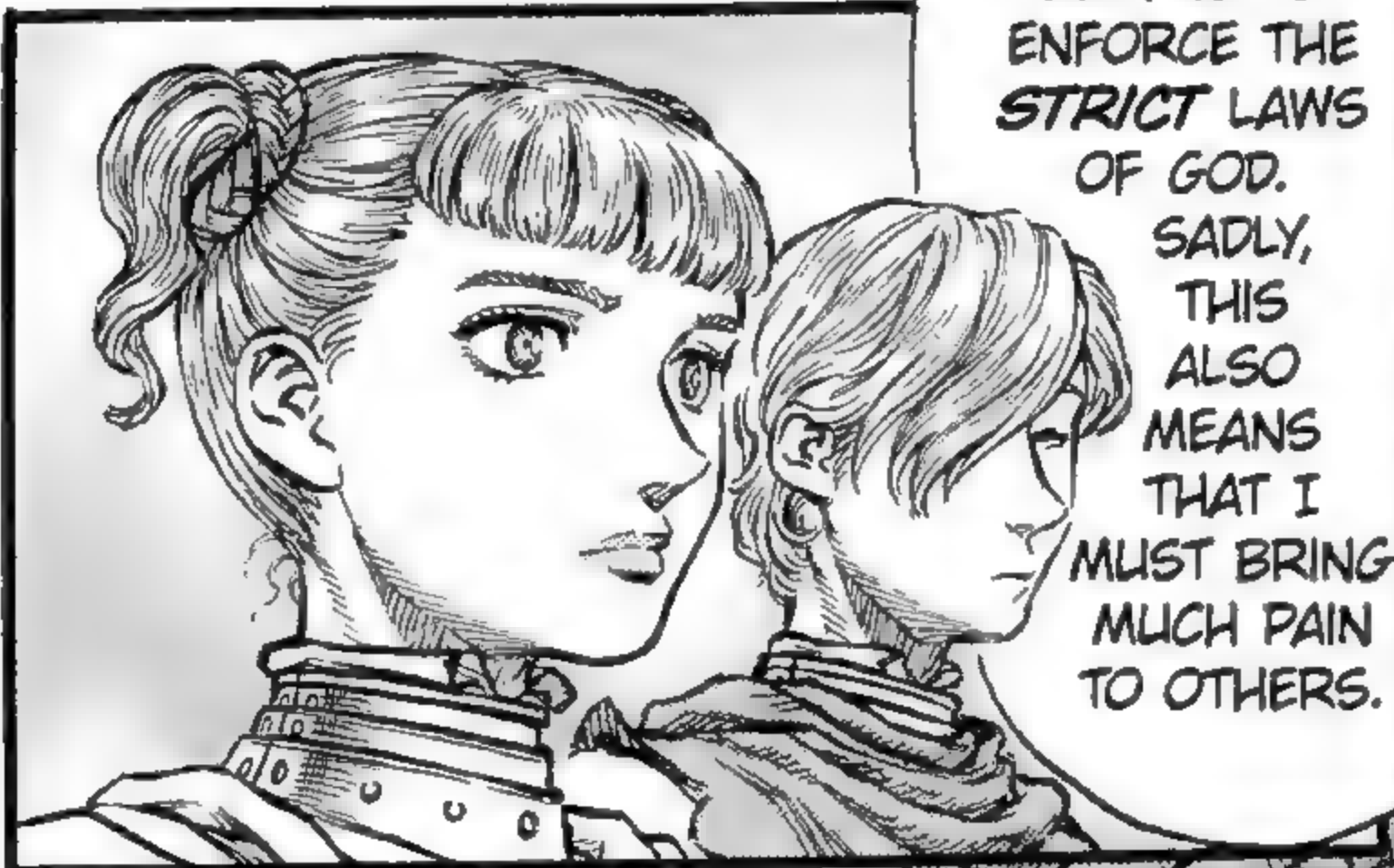


...DEAR
TO ME.

BUT
I HOLD
THIS
PAIN...

THANKS
TO THESE
INJURIES,
I CAN BARELY
WALK...
RUNNING IS
ALREADY
BEYOND ME.

IN A SHORT
TIME THE
SENSATION
WILL RETURN,
ALONG WITH
THE PAIN.



MY SACRED
DUTY IS TO
ENFORCE THE
STRICT LAWS
OF GOD.
SADLY,
THIS
ALSO
MEANS
THAT I
MUST BRING
MUCH PAIN
TO OTHERS.



TO ME
THESE
WOUNDS
ARE
PRECEPTS--
EVIDENCE
OF FAITH.

...ONE
BECOMES
NEGLIGENT
OF HIS
PERSONAL
LIFE.

ALL THE
MORE SO
FOR ONE IN
A POSITION
SUCH AS
MINE.

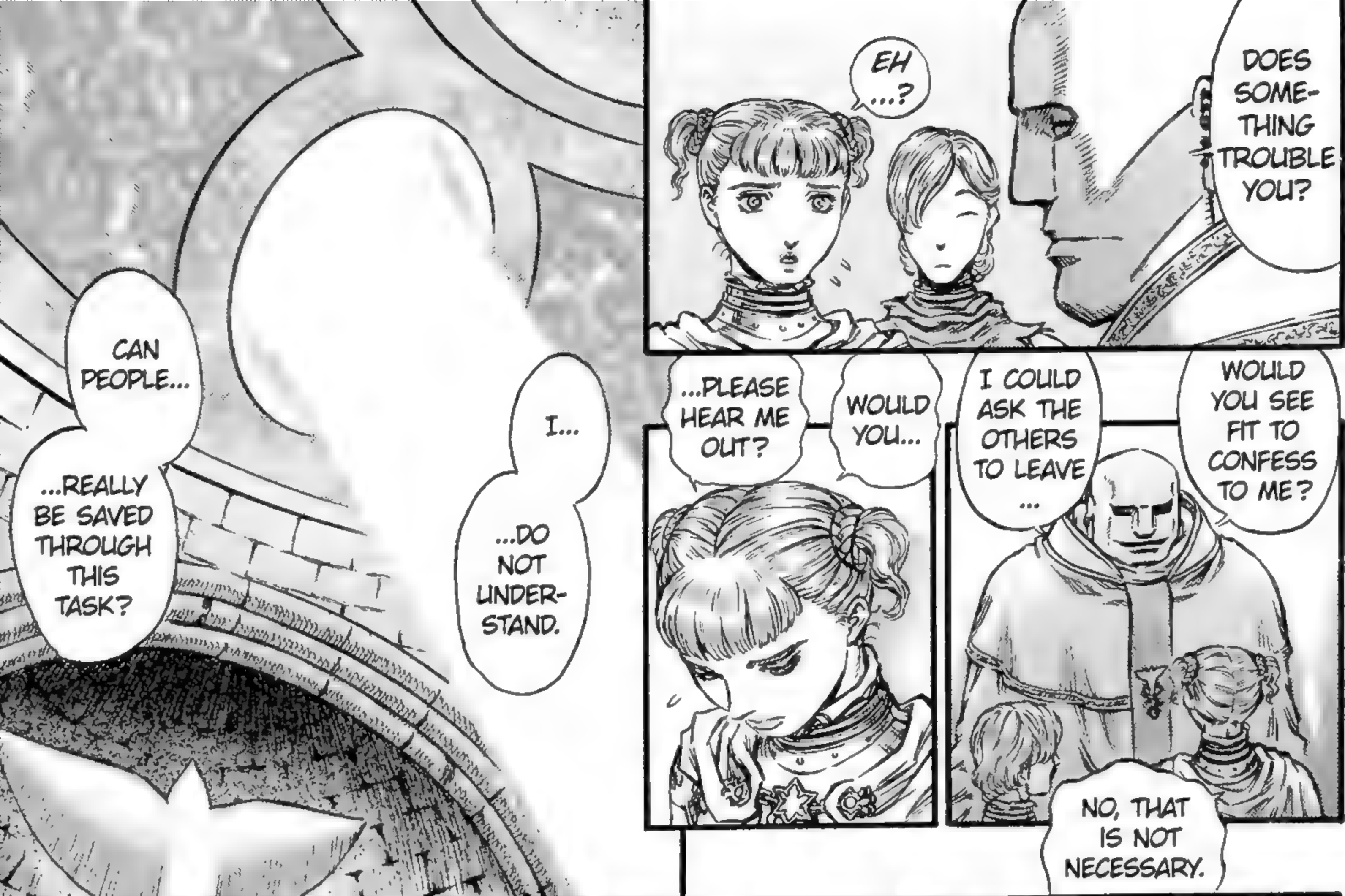
OF COURSE,
I FEEL NO
GUILT.

BUT WHEN
THE TIME
COMES WHEN
ONE CHOOSES
TO LIVE BY
VOCATION...



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CAN PEOPLE...

...REALLY BE SAVED THROUGH THIS TASK?

I...

...DO NOT UNDERSTAND.

EH...?

DOES SOMETHING TROUBLE YOU?

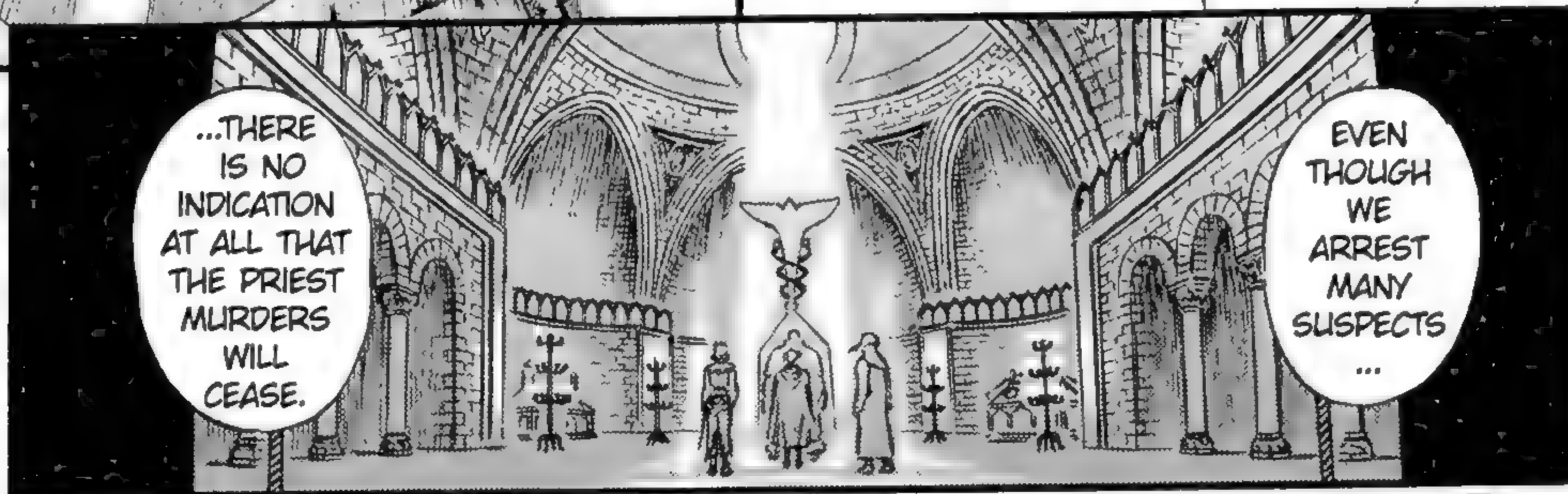
...PLEASE HEAR ME OUT?

WOULD YOU...

I COULD ASK THE OTHERS TO LEAVE ...

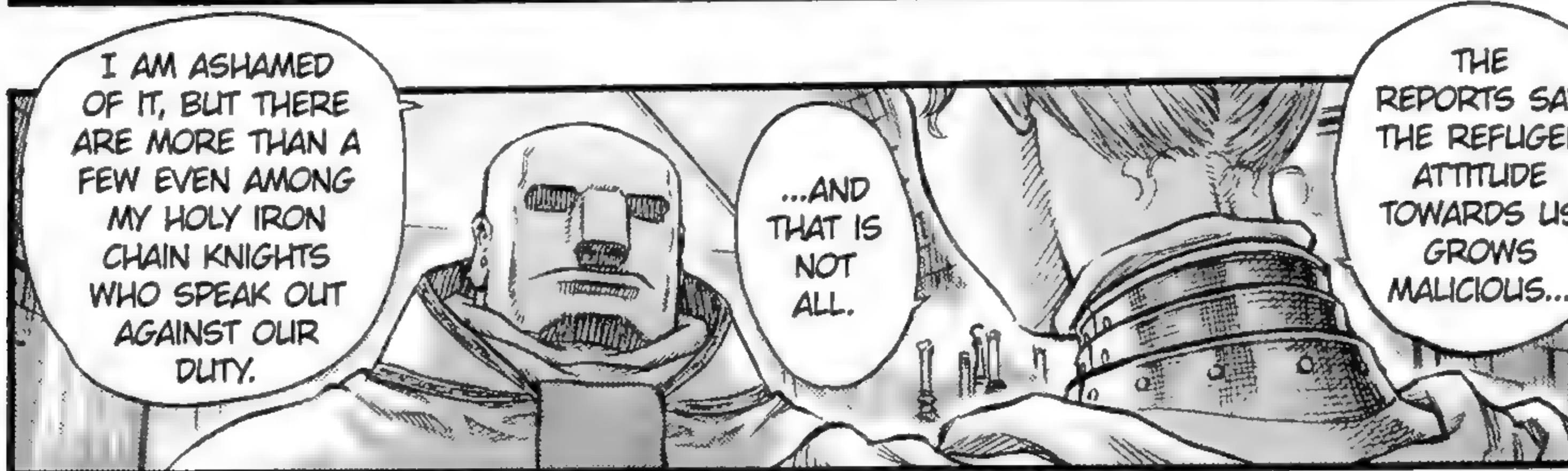
WOULD YOU SEE FIT TO CONFESS TO ME?

NO, THAT IS NOT NECESSARY.



...THERE IS NO INDICATION AT ALL THAT THE PRIEST MURDERS WILL CEASE.

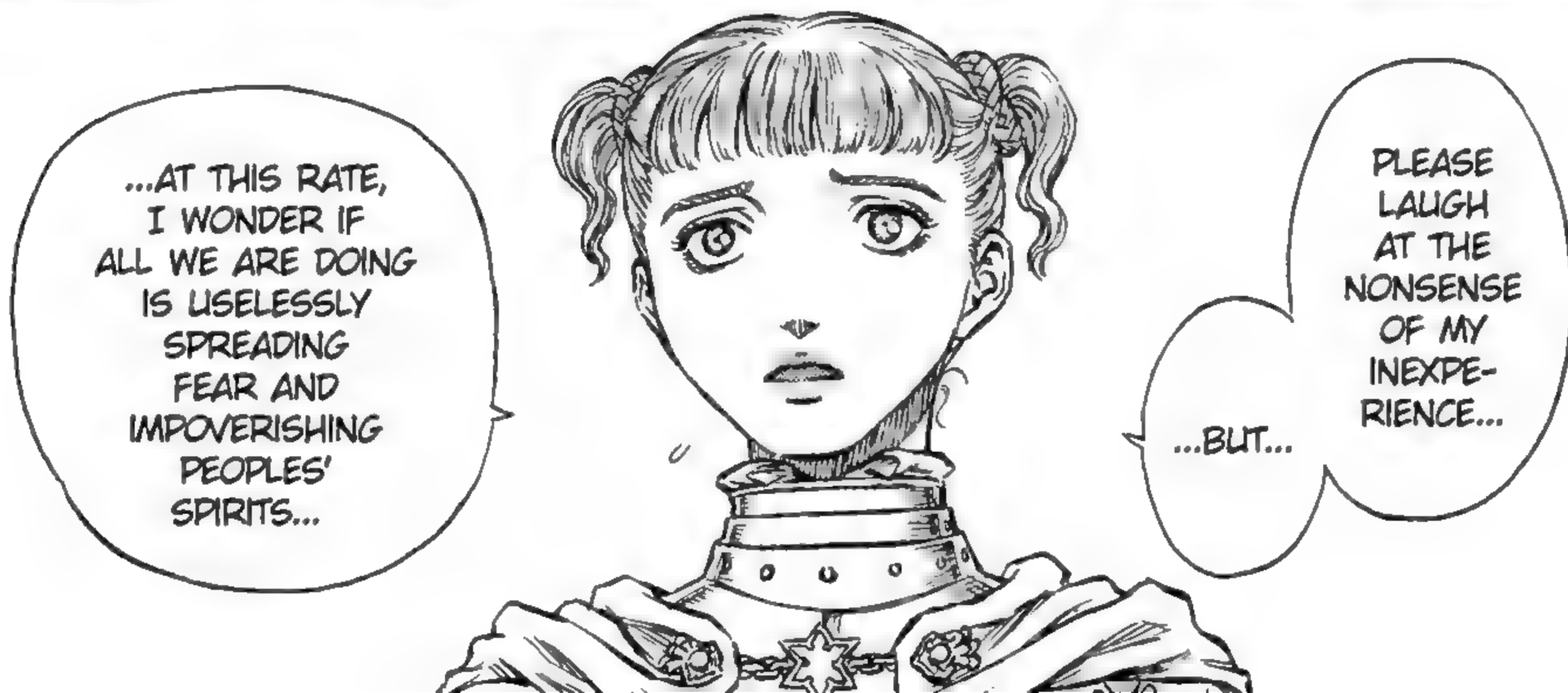
EVEN THOUGH WE ARREST MANY SUSPECTS ...



I AM ASHAMED OF IT, BUT THERE ARE MORE THAN A FEW EVEN AMONG MY HOLY IRON CHAIN KNIGHTS WHO SPEAK OUT AGAINST OUR DUTY.

...AND THAT IS NOT ALL.

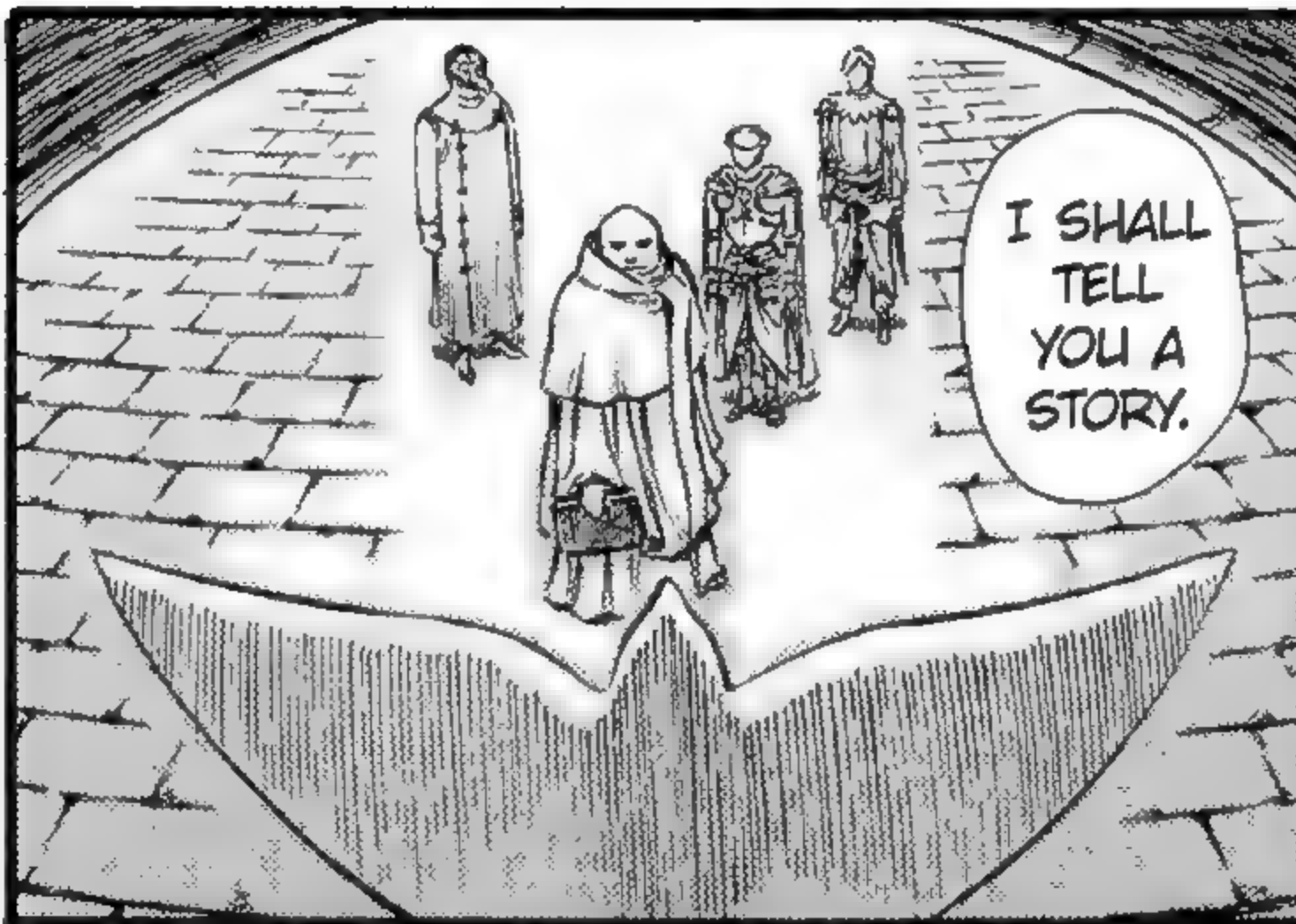
THE REPORTS SAY THE REFUGEE ATTITUDE TOWARDS US GROWS MALICIOUS...



...AT THIS RATE, I WONDER IF ALL WE ARE DOING IS USELESSLY SPREADING FEAR AND IMPOVERISHING PEOPLES' SPIRITS...

...BUT...

PLEASE LAUGH AT THE NONSENSE OF MY INEXPERIENCE...

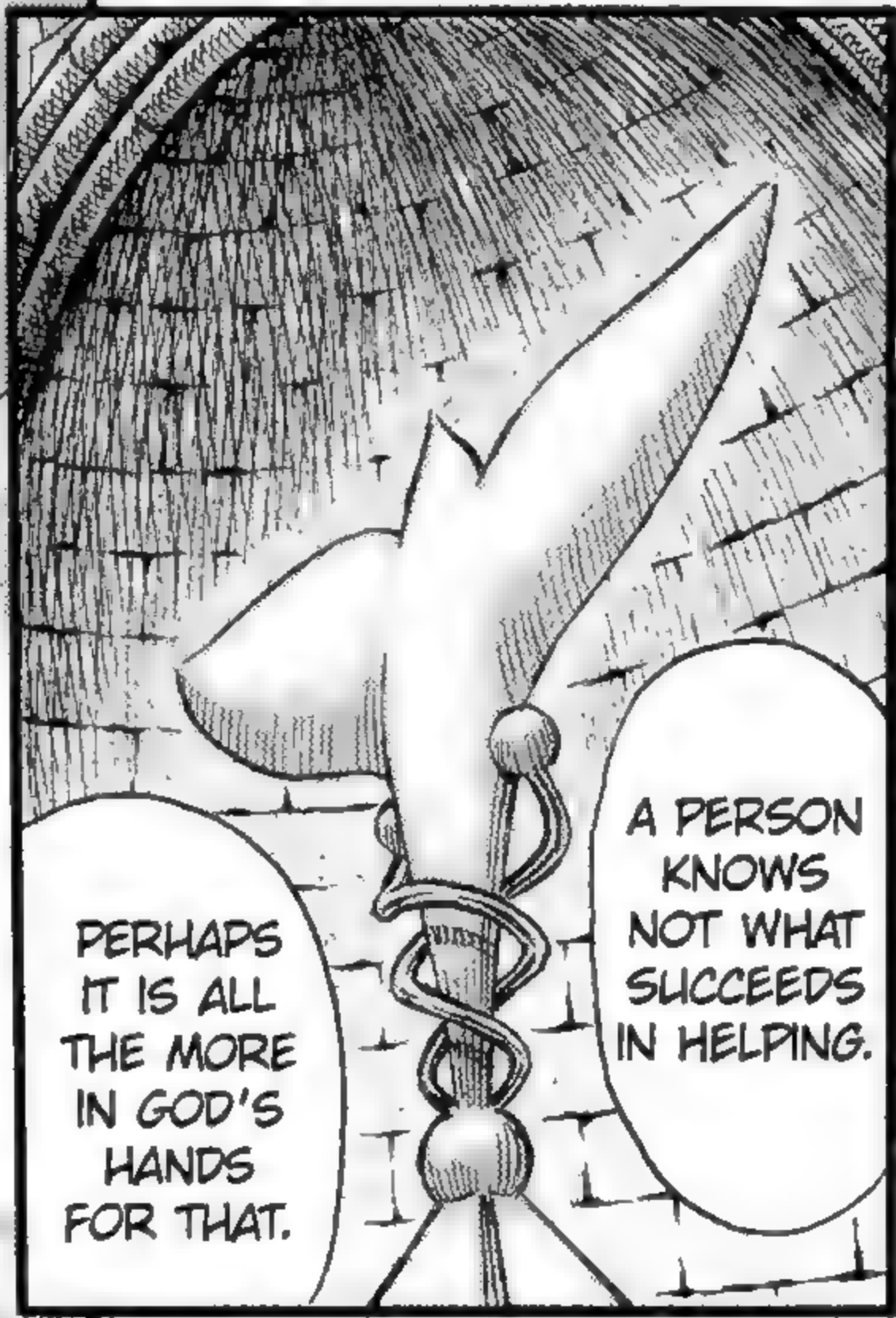




GOD.

FOR GOD,
AND GOD
ALONE...

...DO
WE ACT.



PERHAPS
IT IS ALL
THE MORE
IN GOD'S
HANDS
FOR THAT.

A PERSON
KNOWS
NOT WHAT
SUCCEEDS
IN HELPING.



AND MORE THAN ANYTHING,
OUR ACTIONS MUST NOT USE
OURSELVES AS A STANDARD
FOR OTHERS. EVERYTHING IS
WITHIN THESE SCRIPTURES.



THOU SHALT
NOT DEPLORE
THE PEOPLE'S
MISUNDER-
STANDINGS.

THOU SHALT
NOT FEAR THINE
OWN DEATH,
NOR THE DEATHS
OF OTHERS.

THOU
SHALT NOT
DEPLORE
DISTRESSING
DUTIES.

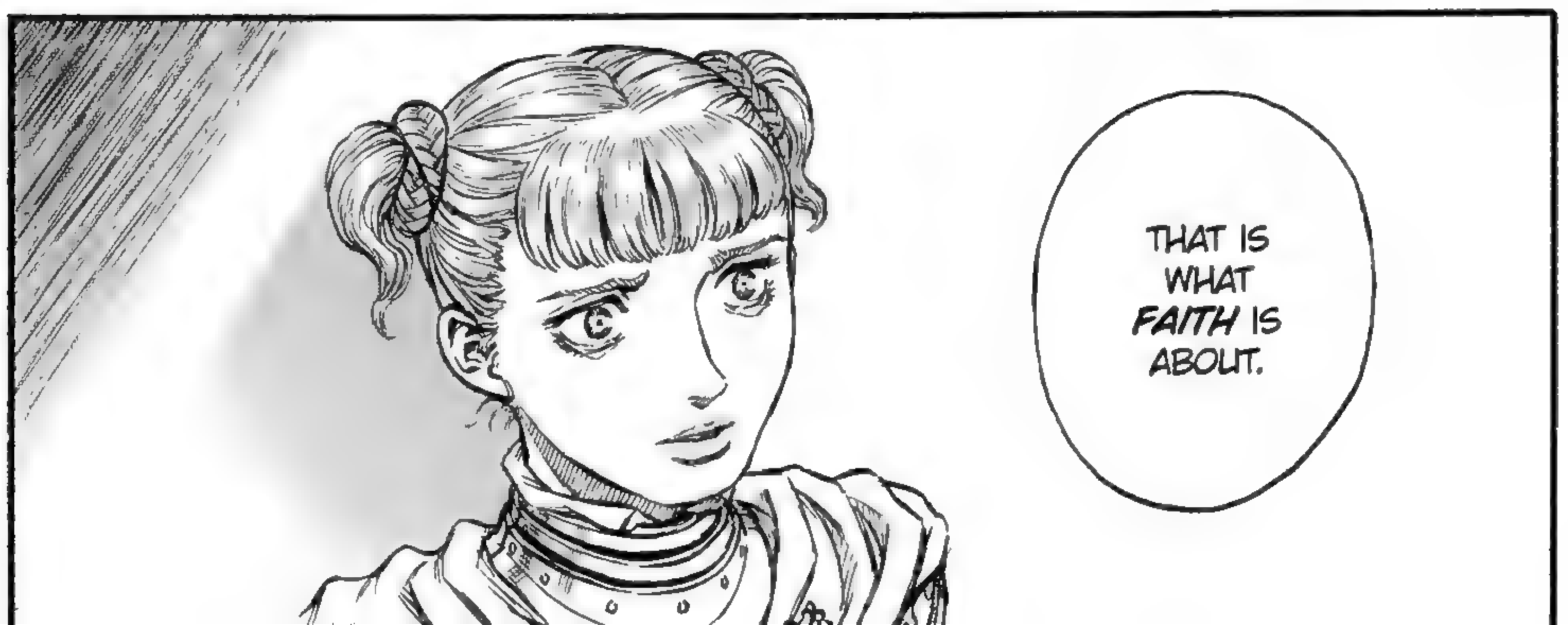
THOU
SHALT NOT
SEEK
RETRIBUTION
FOR THINE
ACTIONS.



WHATEVER
BLOOD WE
SPILL IN
SPIRIT OR
FLESH...

...AS
MAN WE
CONTINUE
TO EXIST
DEVOUTLY
FOR GOD.

THOU
SHALT NOT
QUESTION
GOD.



THAT IS
WHAT
FAITH IS
ABOUT.

MAY THE
LORD BE
WITH YOU.



*FX: SKITCH

YES.

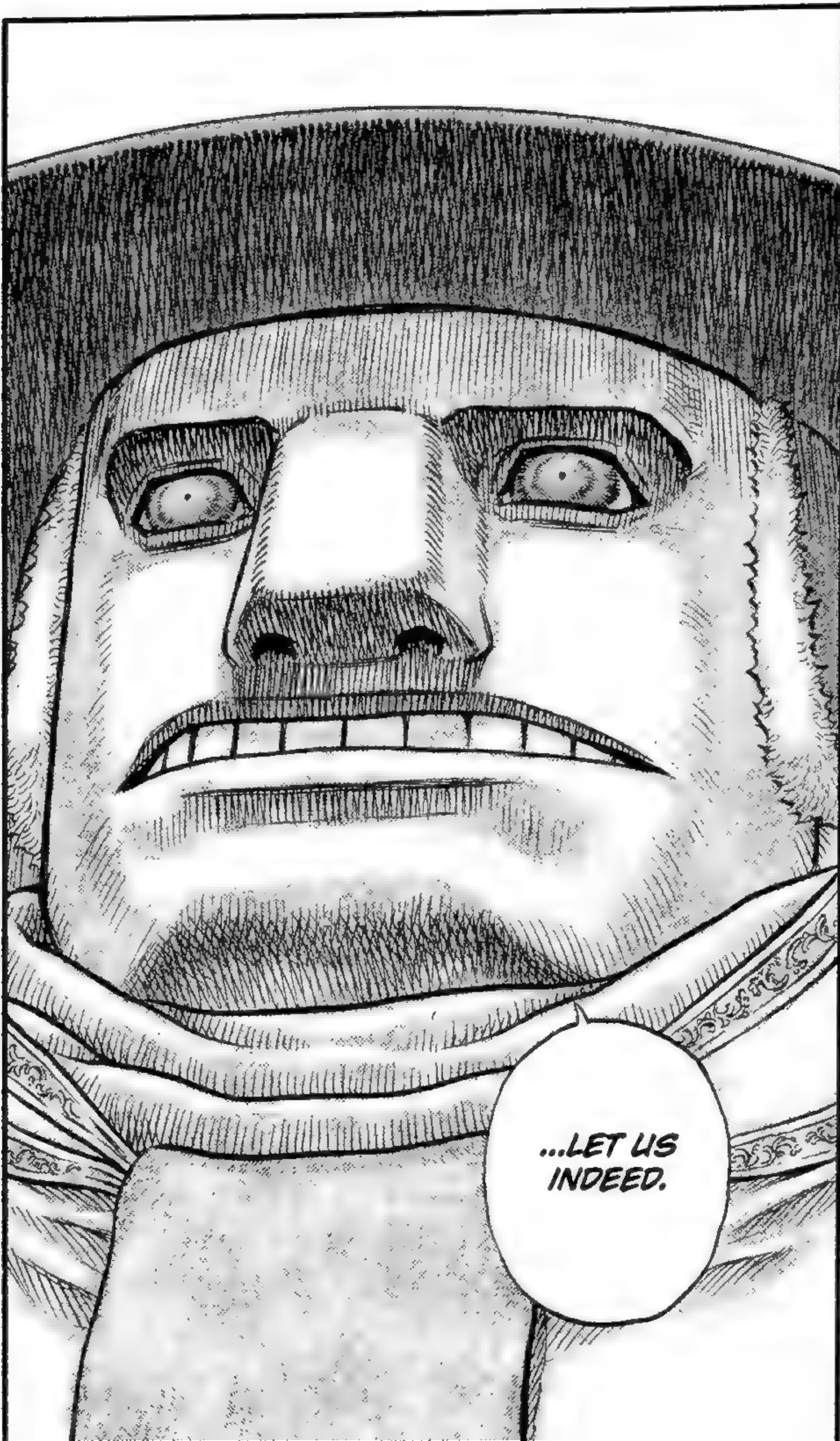
MASTER,
PLEASE
LET US
RETURN.

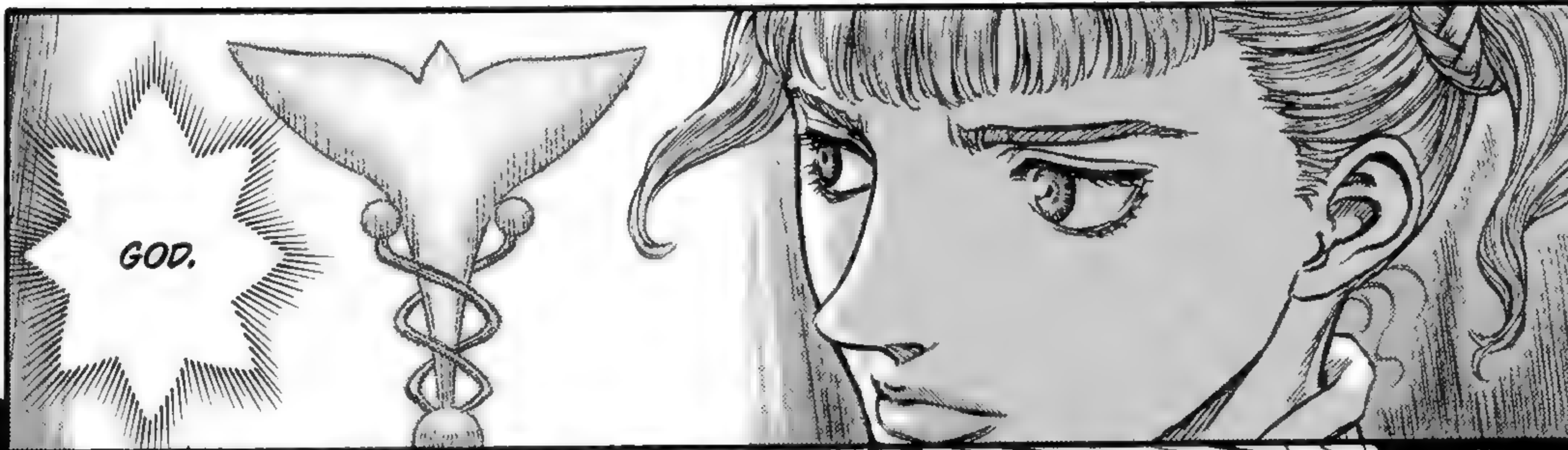


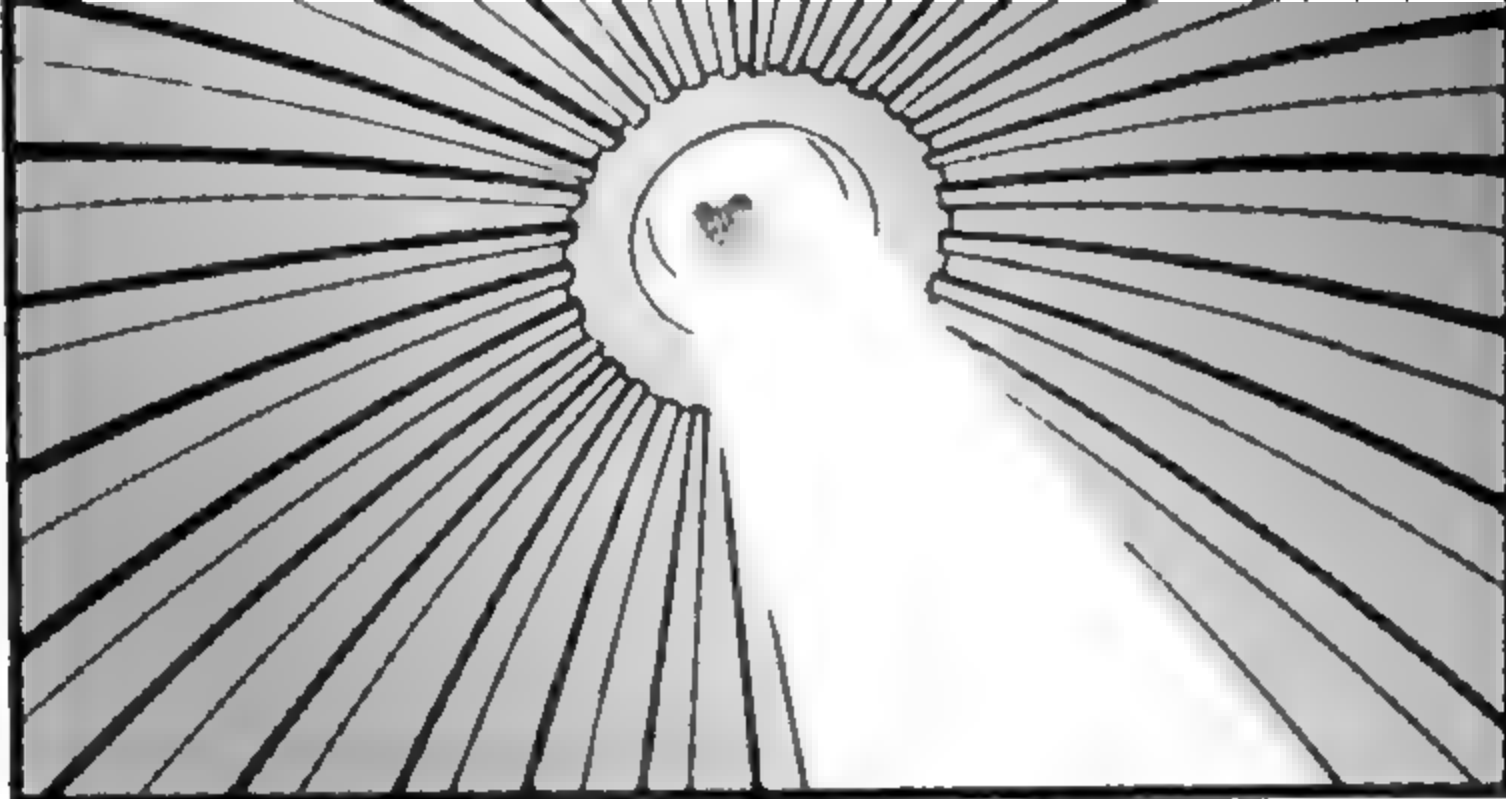
THEN...



...LET US
INDEED.







*WHEW

.....



THANK
YOU
ALWAYS,
NINA.

HERE,
OLD
LADY...

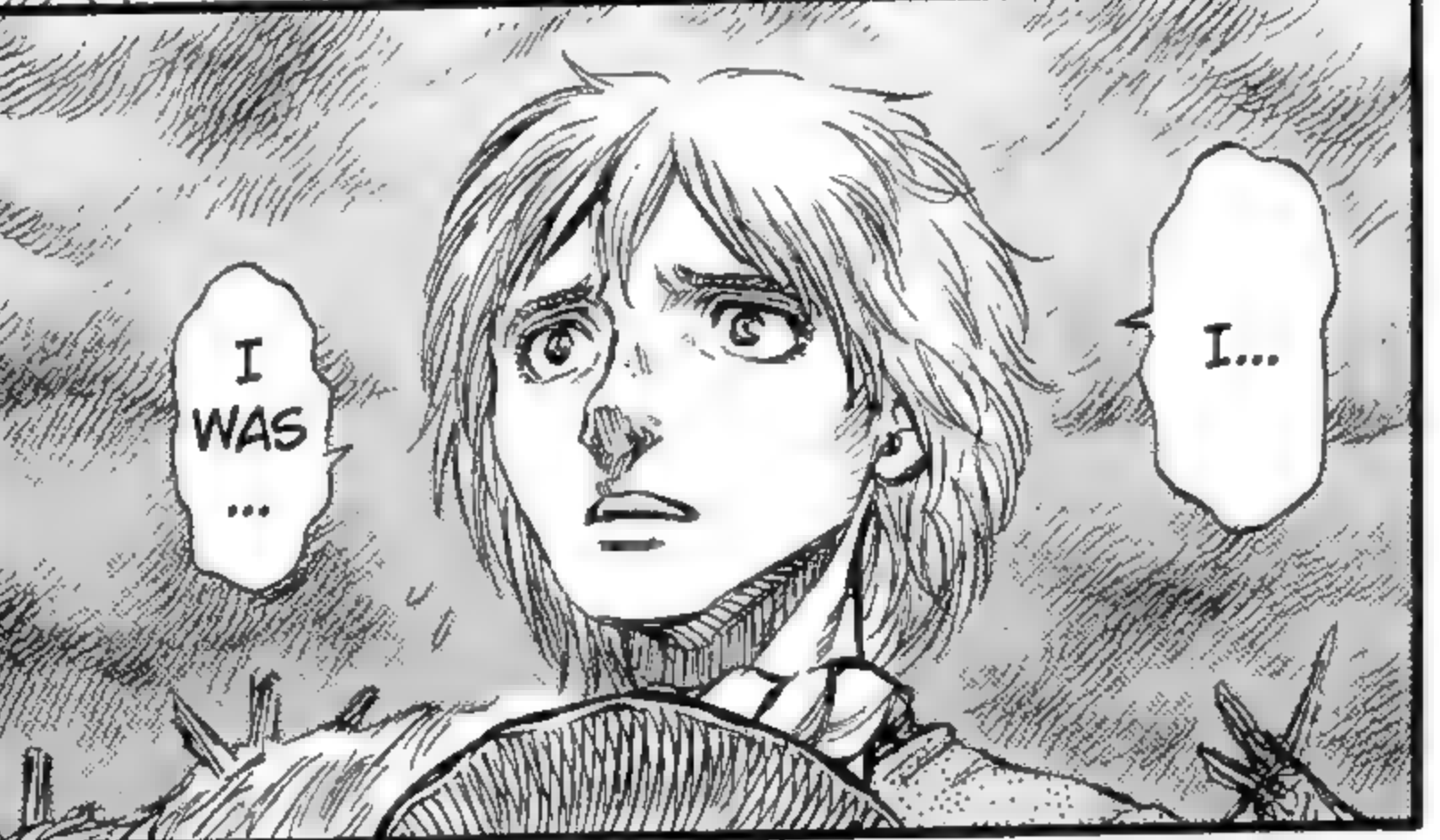
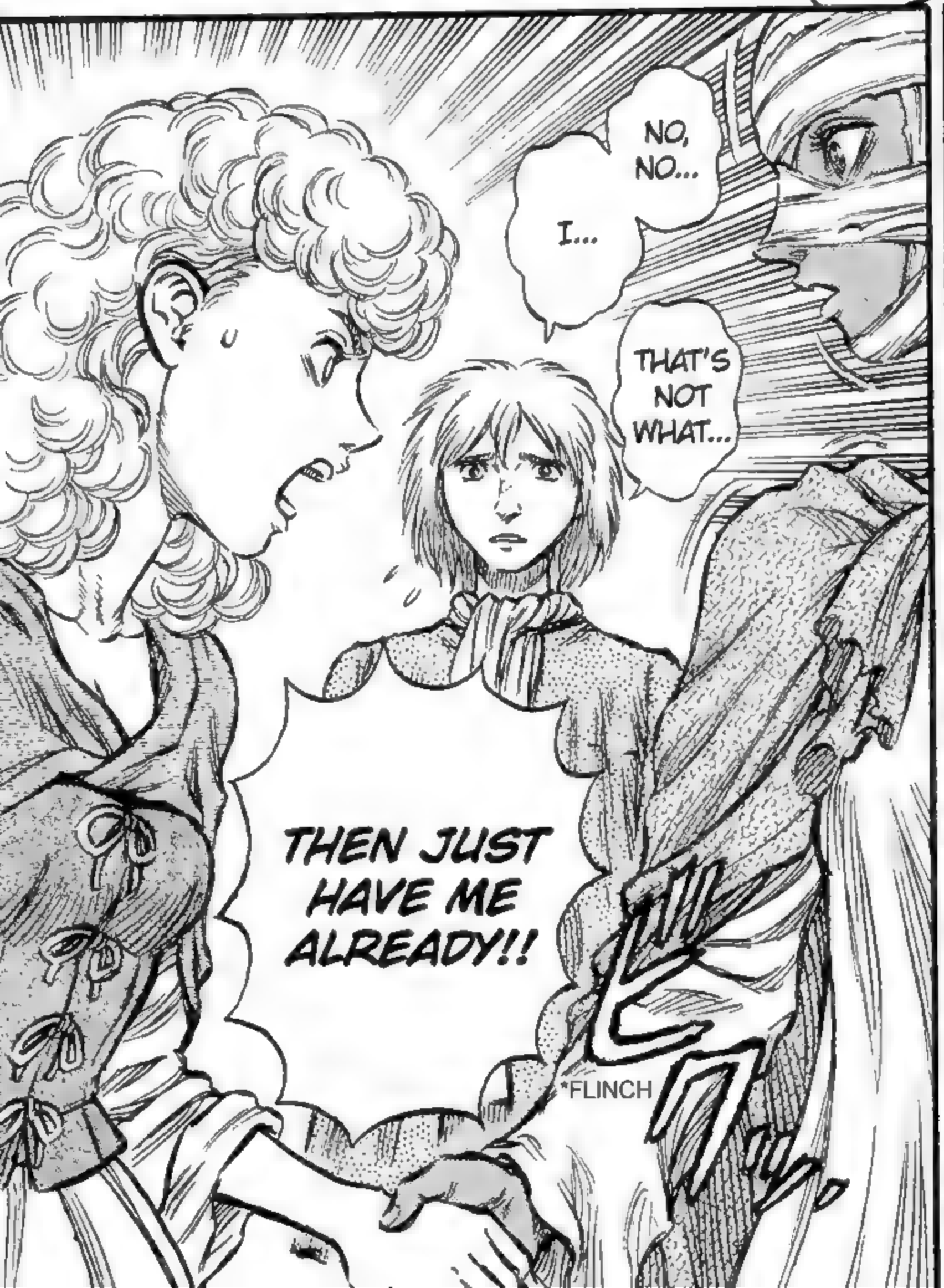
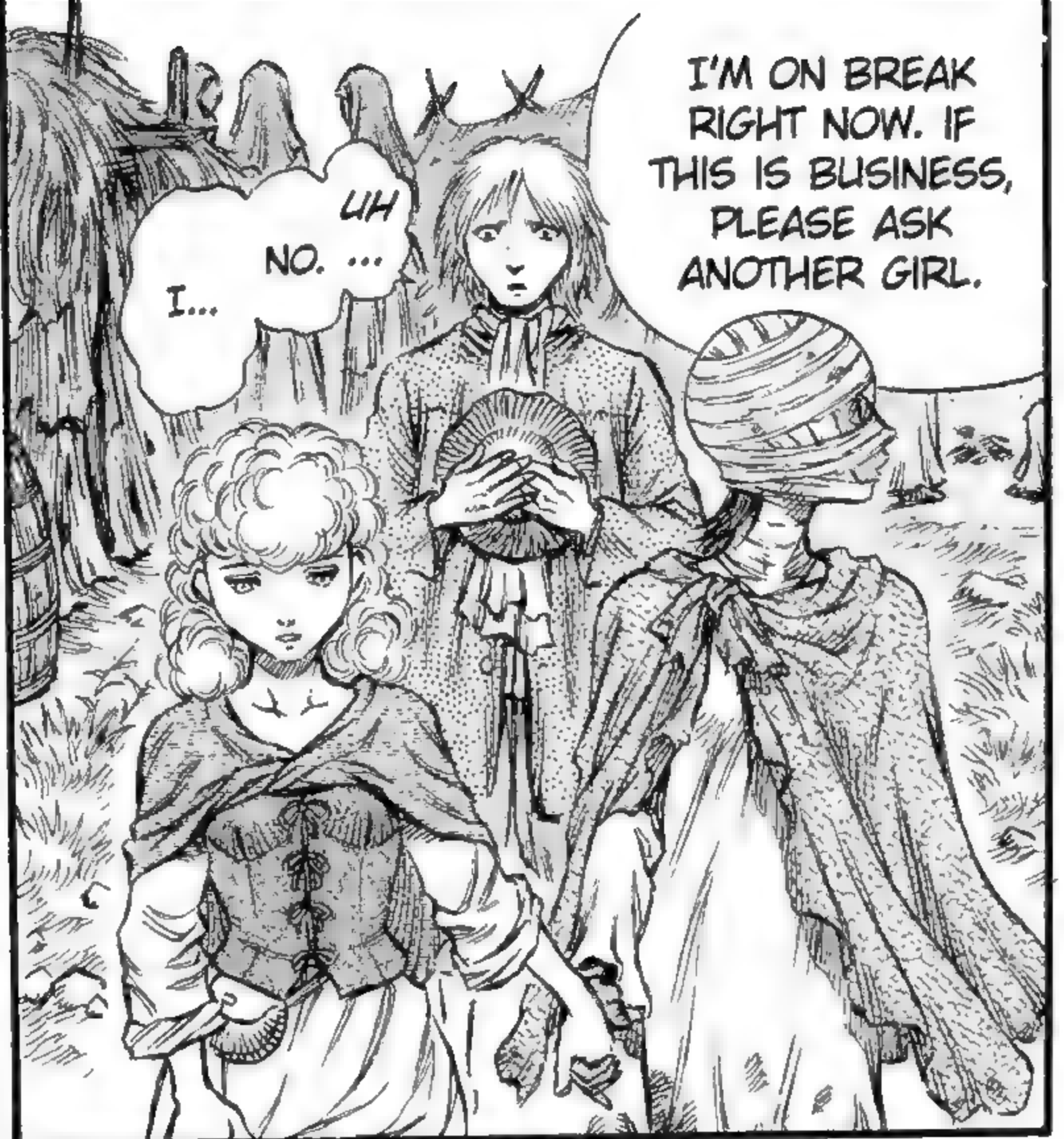


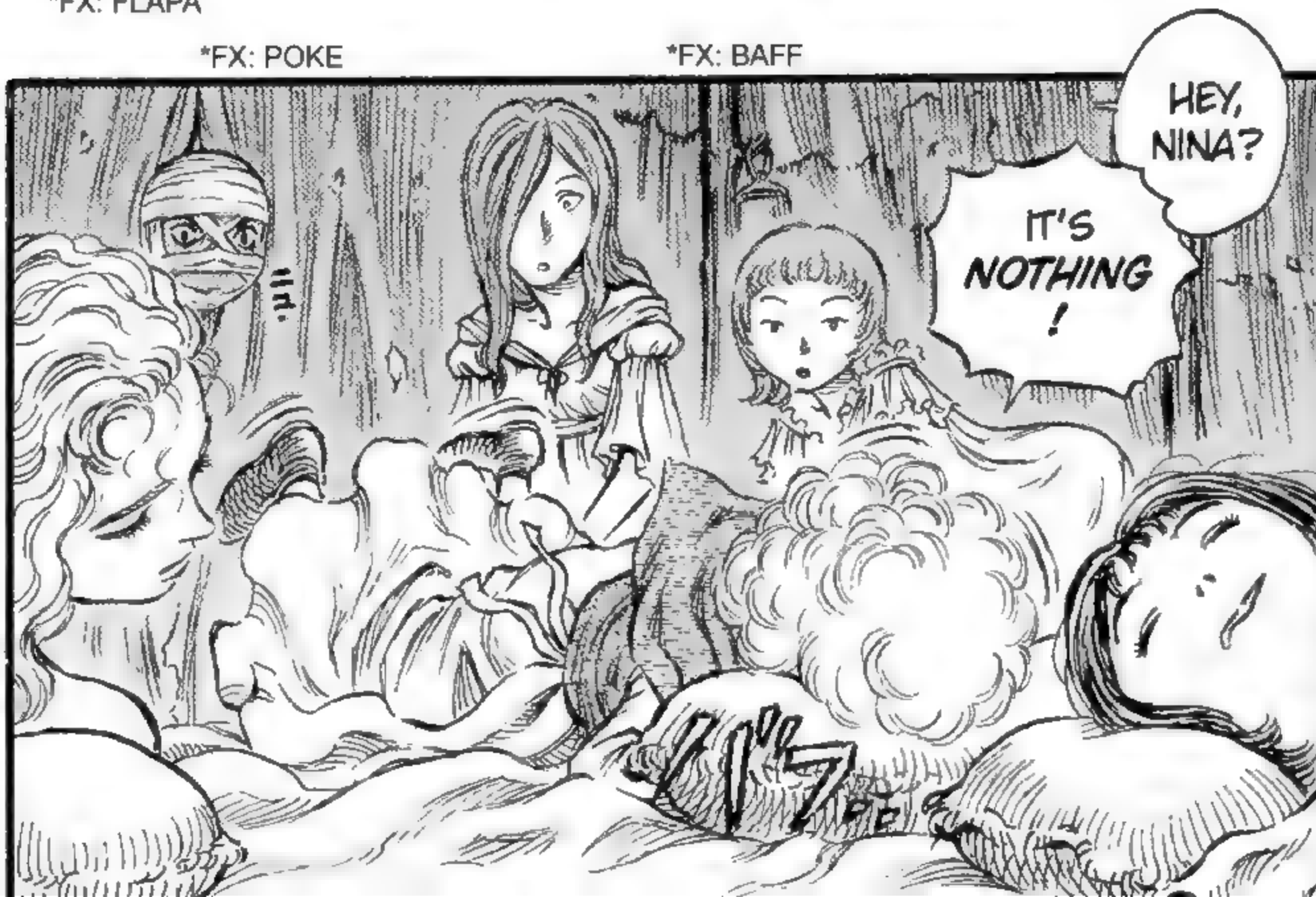
*FX GOFF

THANKS
TO YOU,
I'M FEELING
MUCH BETTER
THESE DAYS.

I'M GLAD.
BUT DON'T
PUSH
YOURSELF.

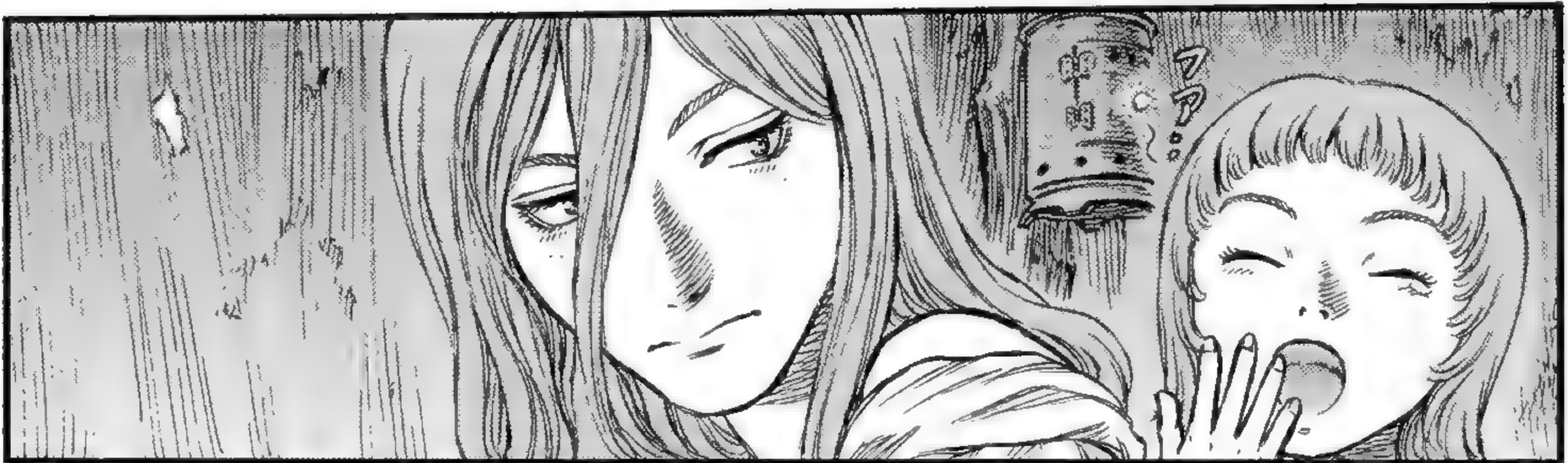


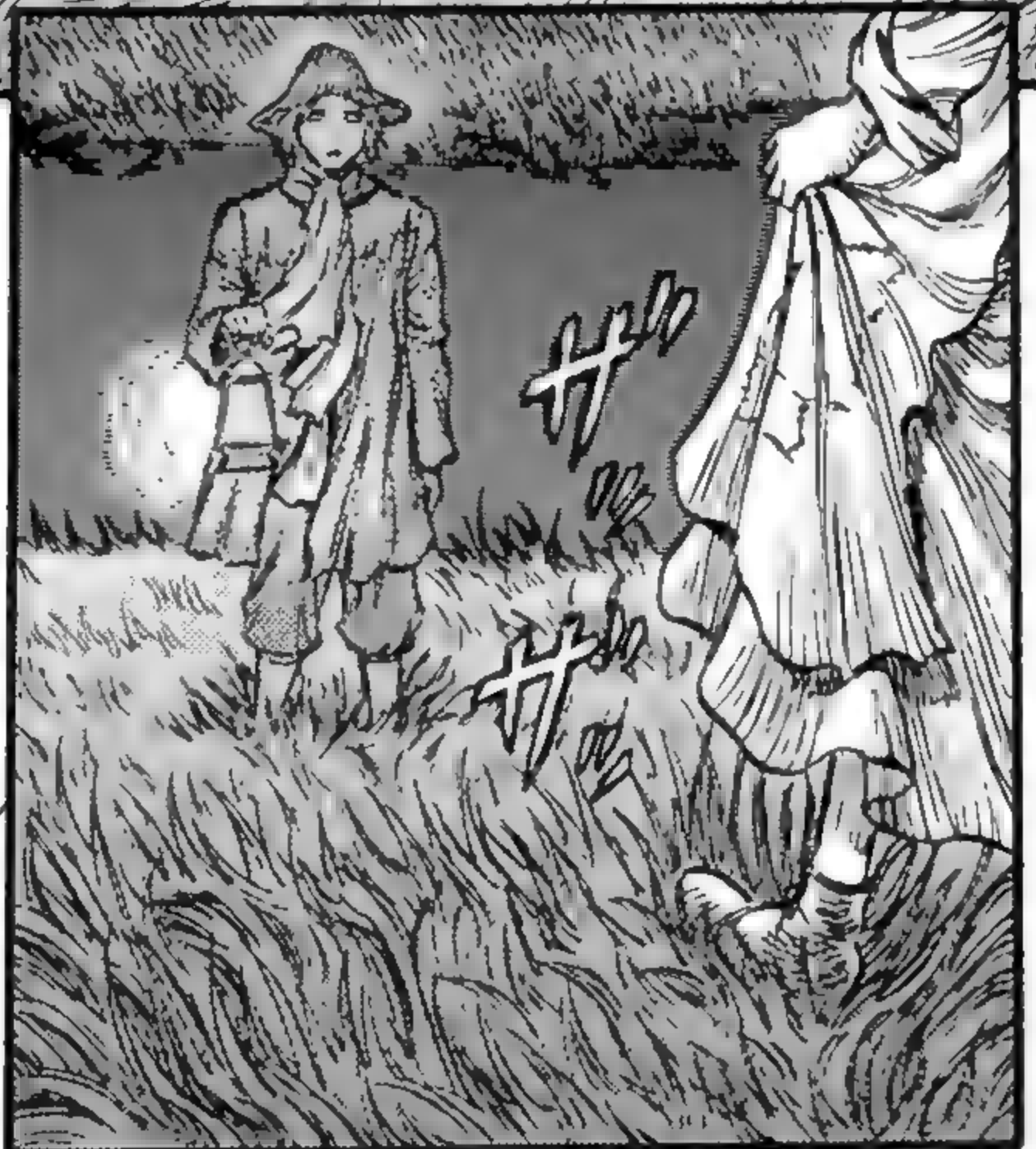


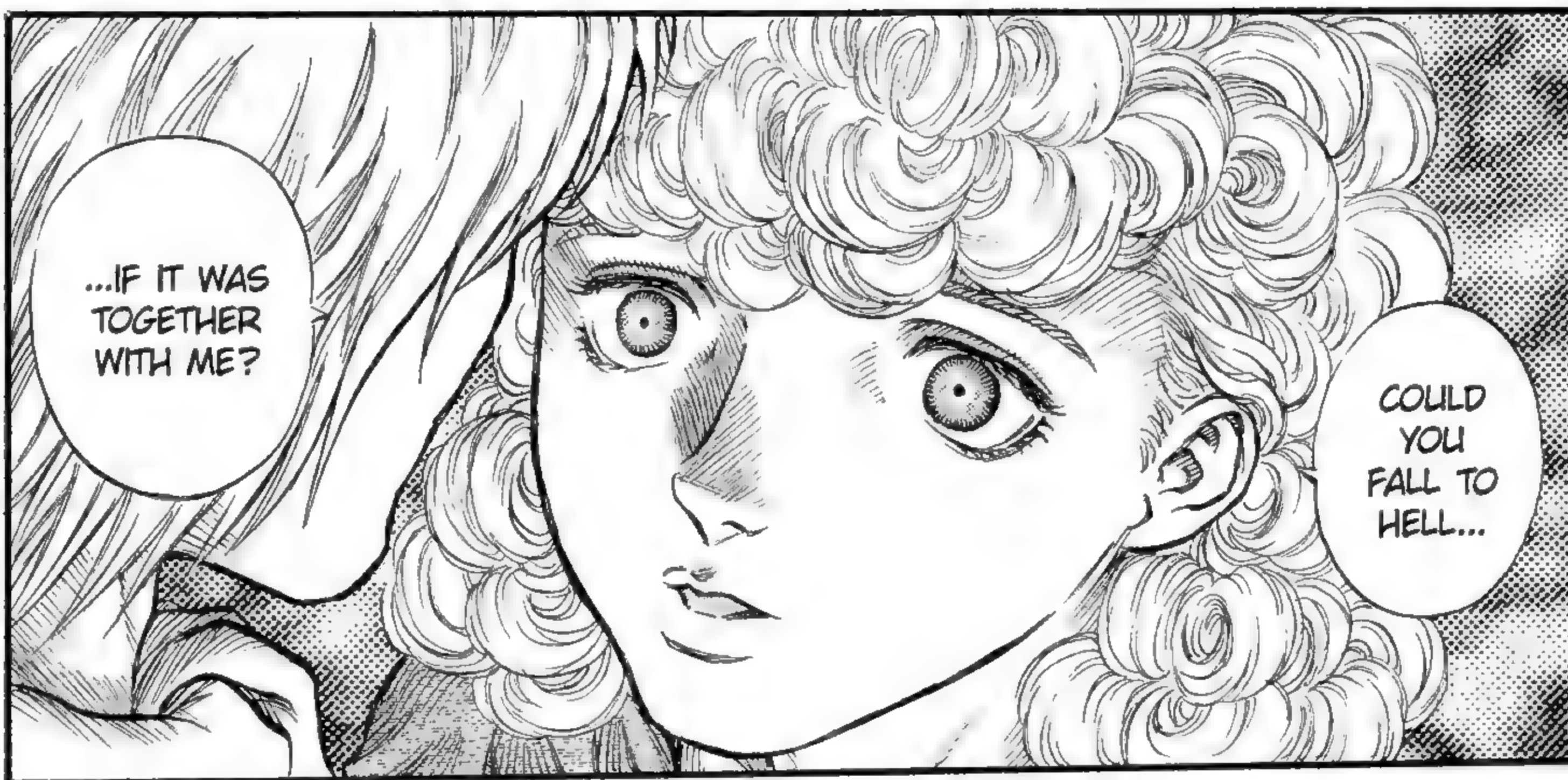




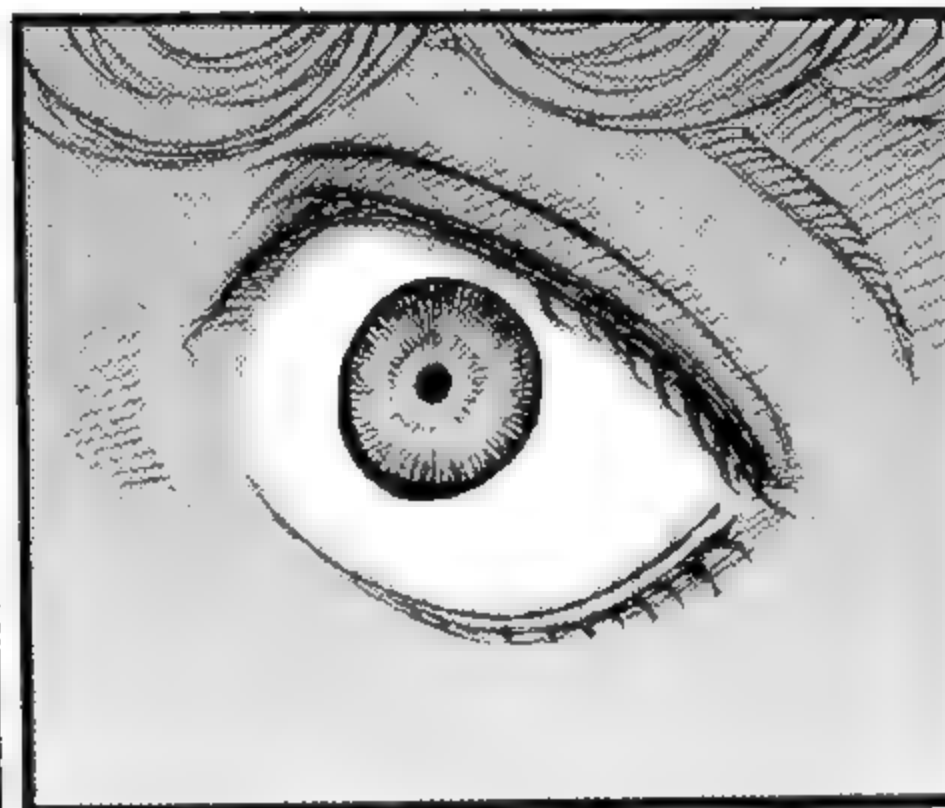
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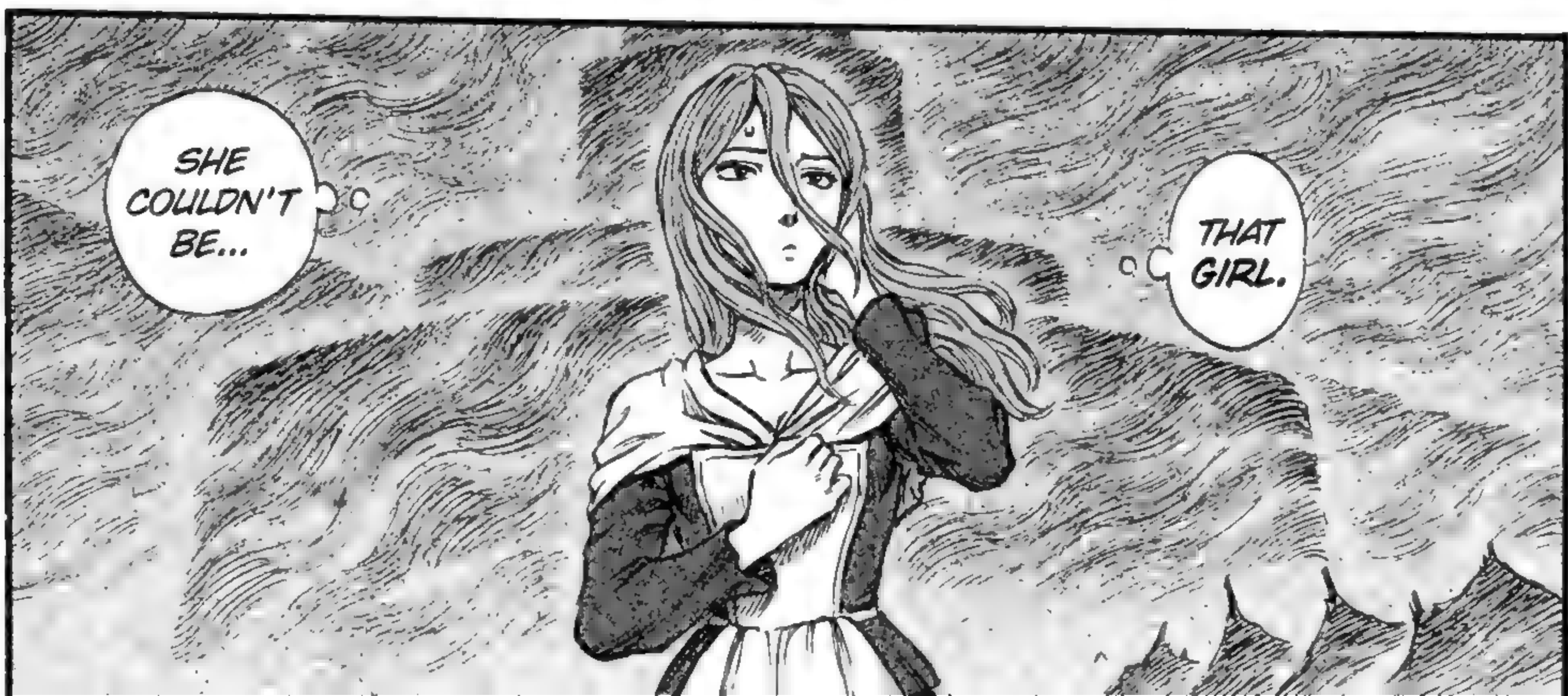
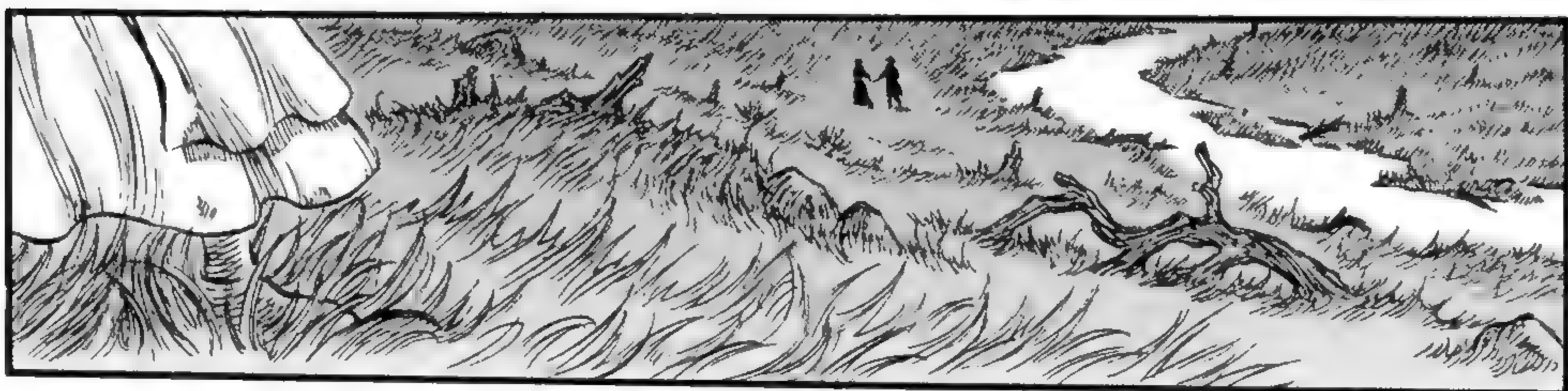
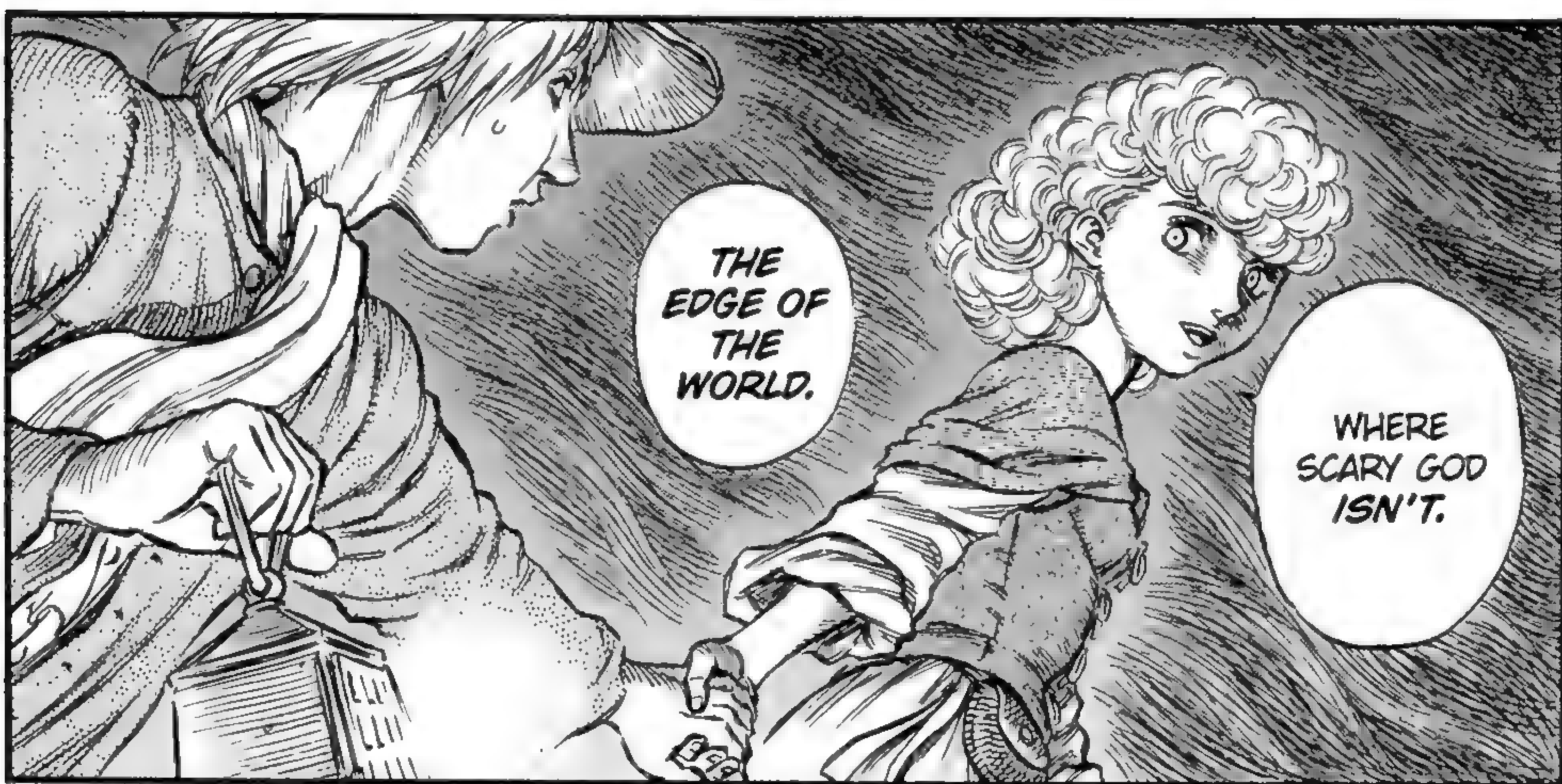


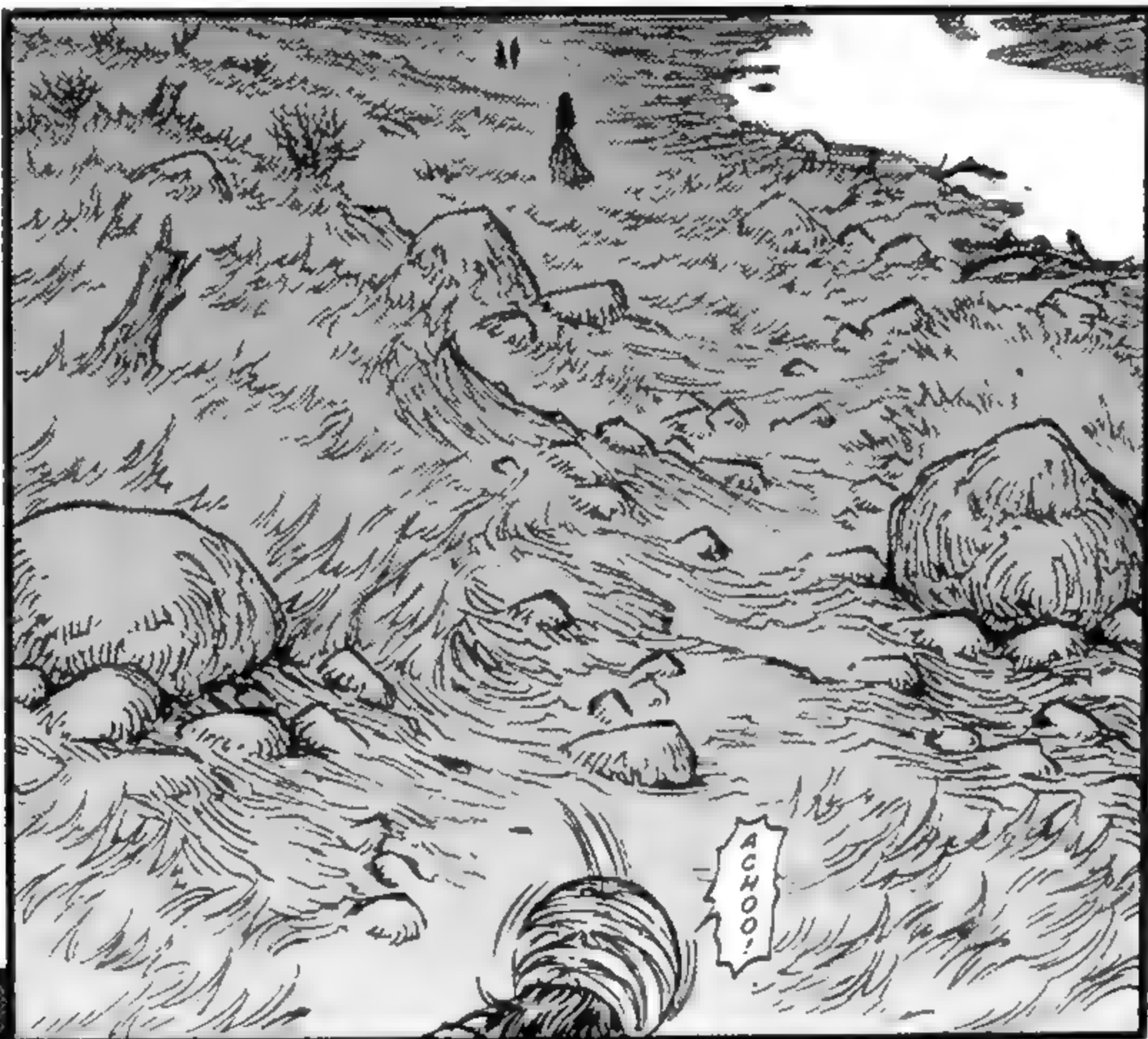




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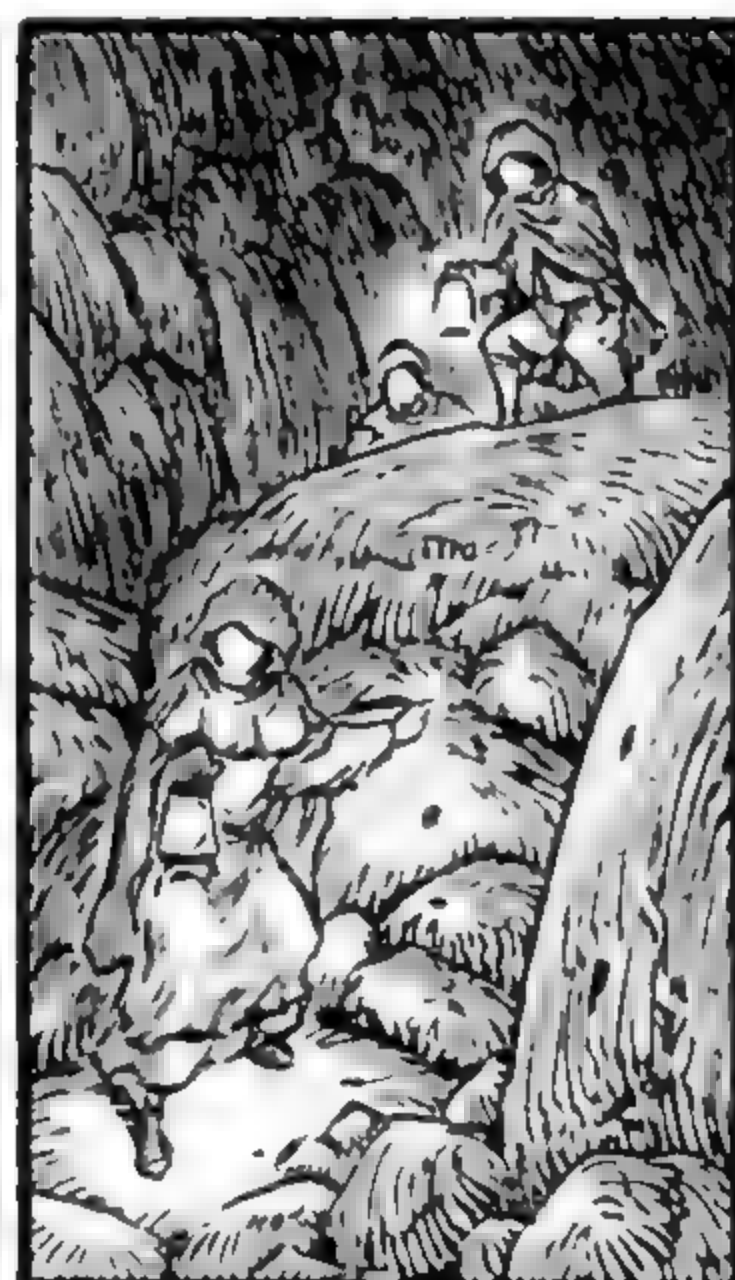




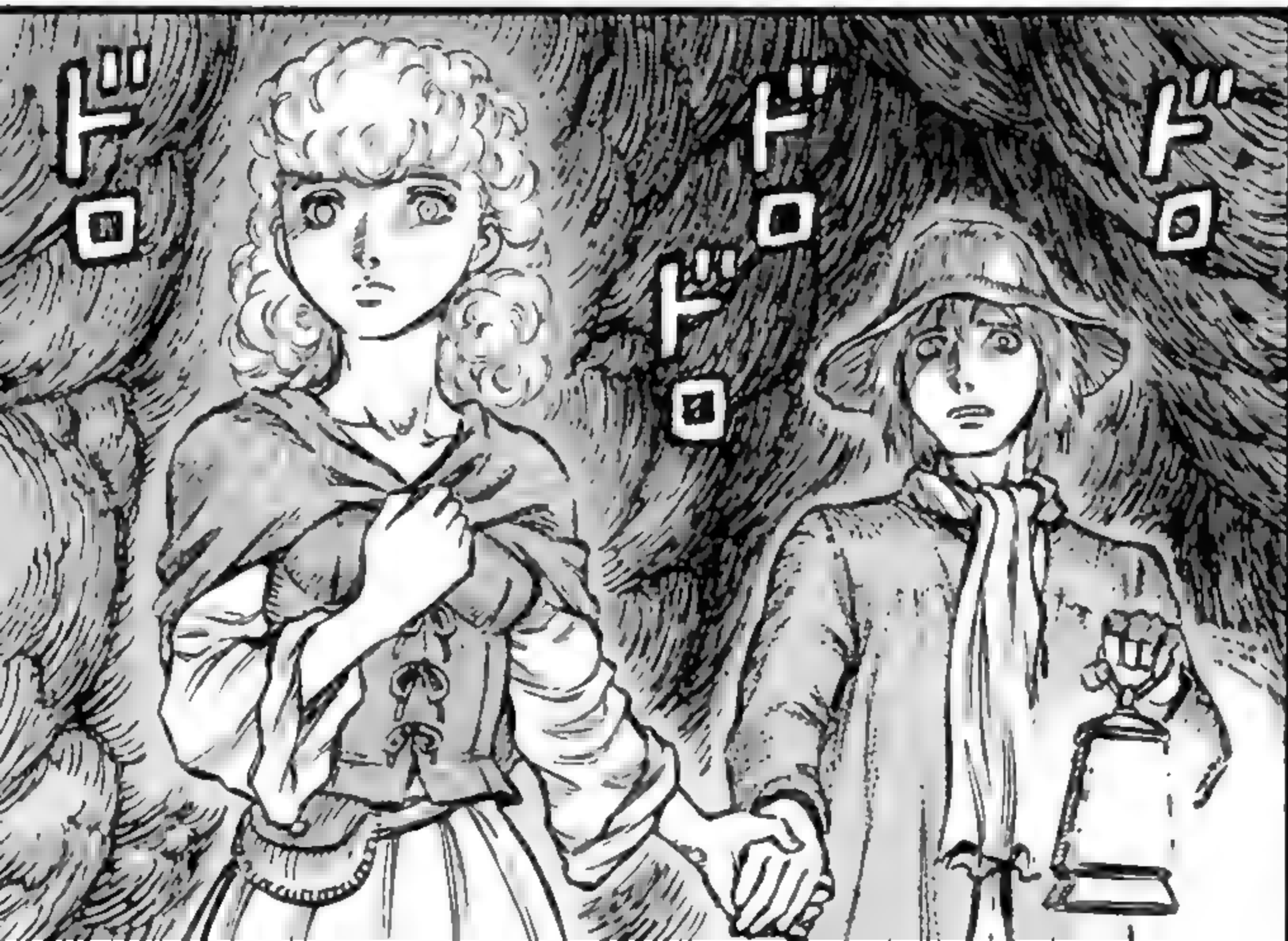




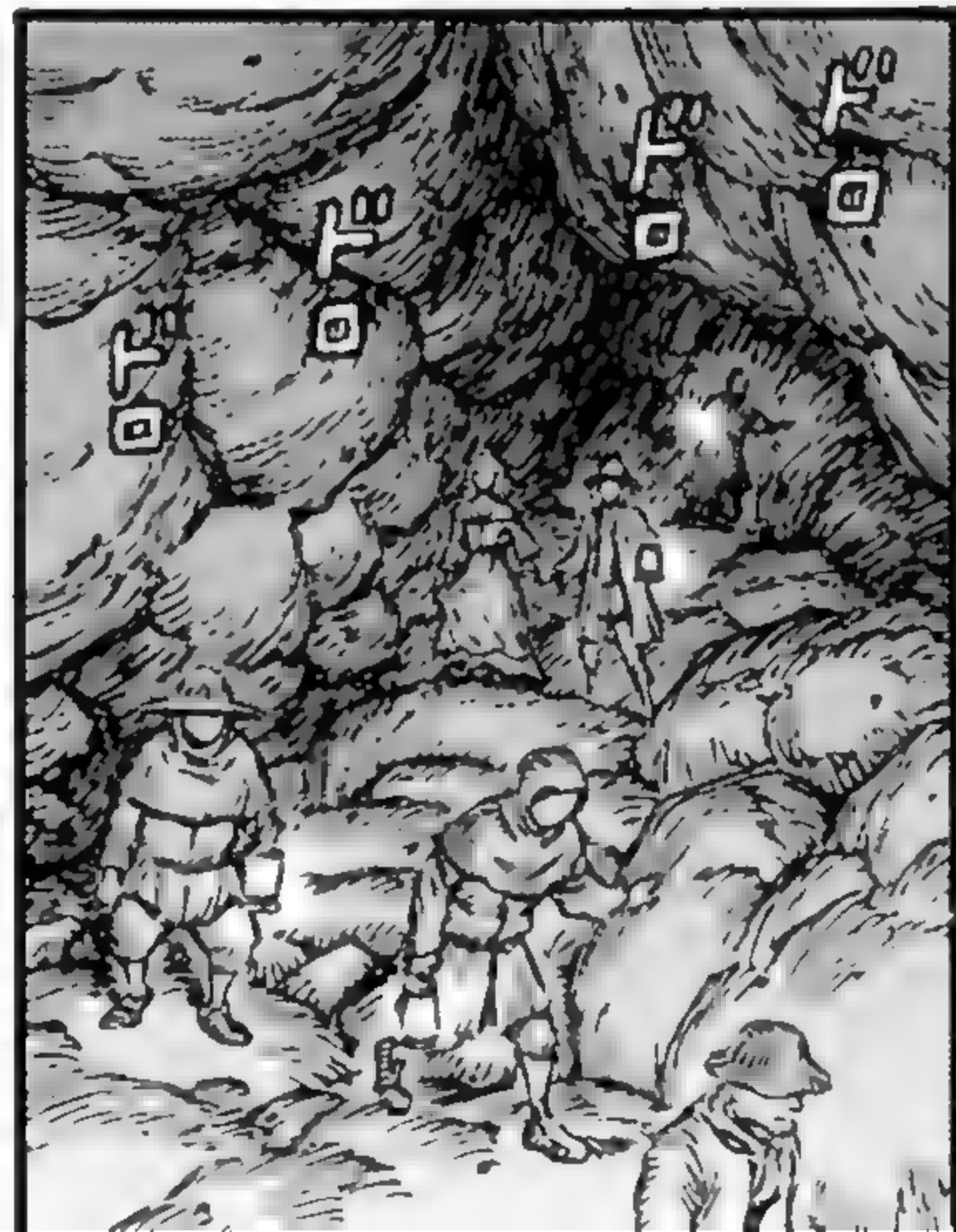
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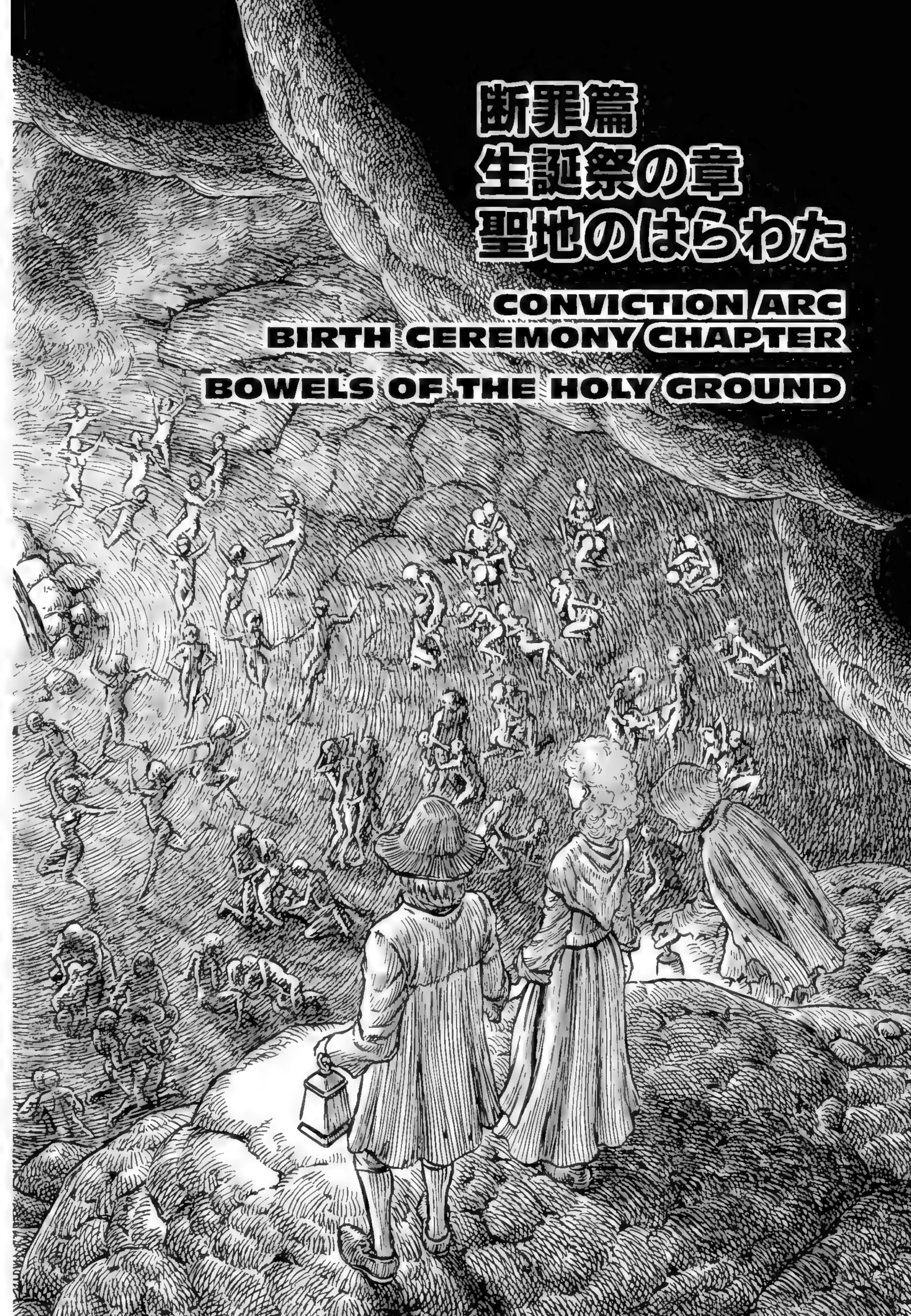
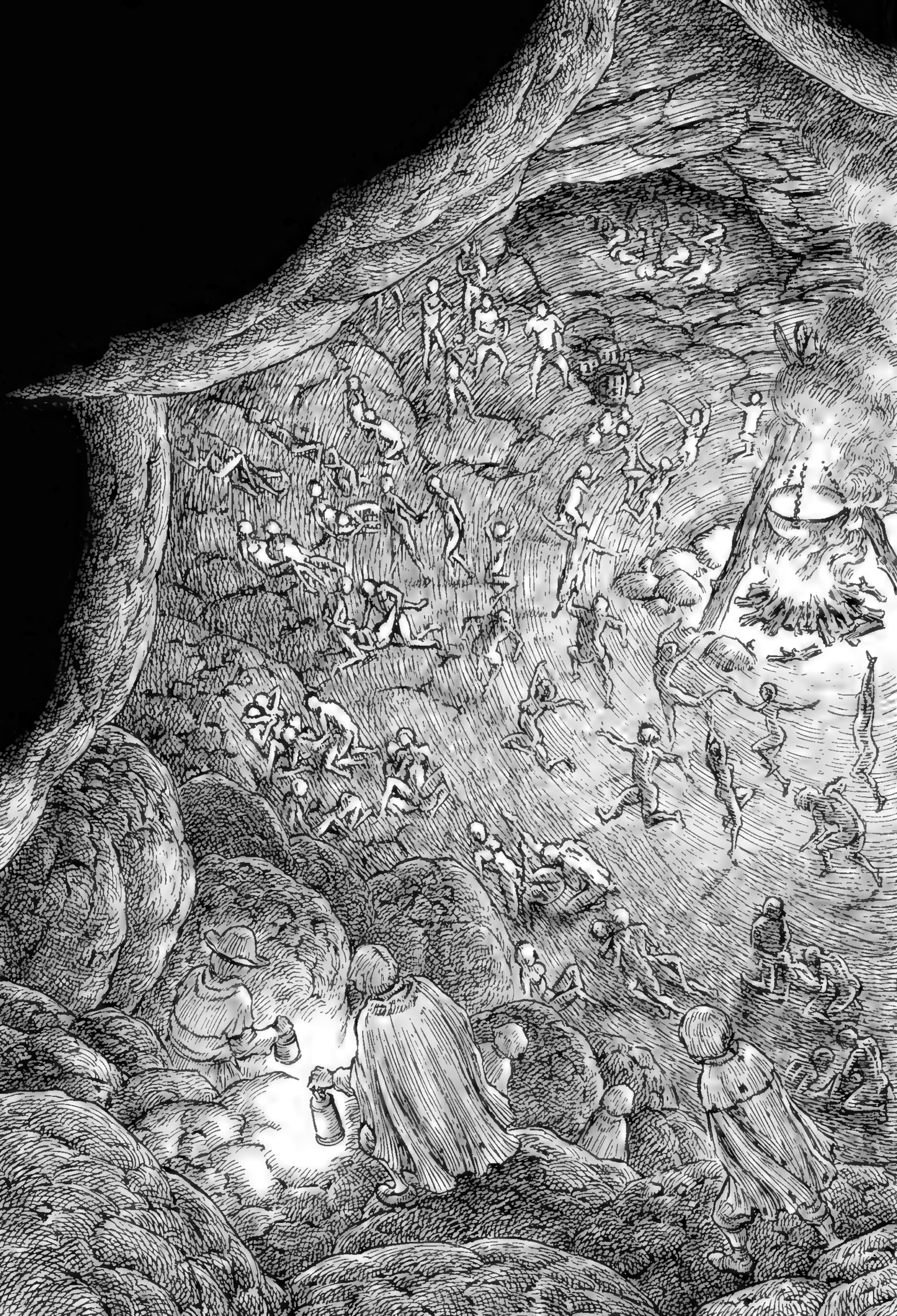


*FX DROM DROM DROM DROM



*FX DROM DROM DROM DROM





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BOWELS OF THE HOLY GROUND



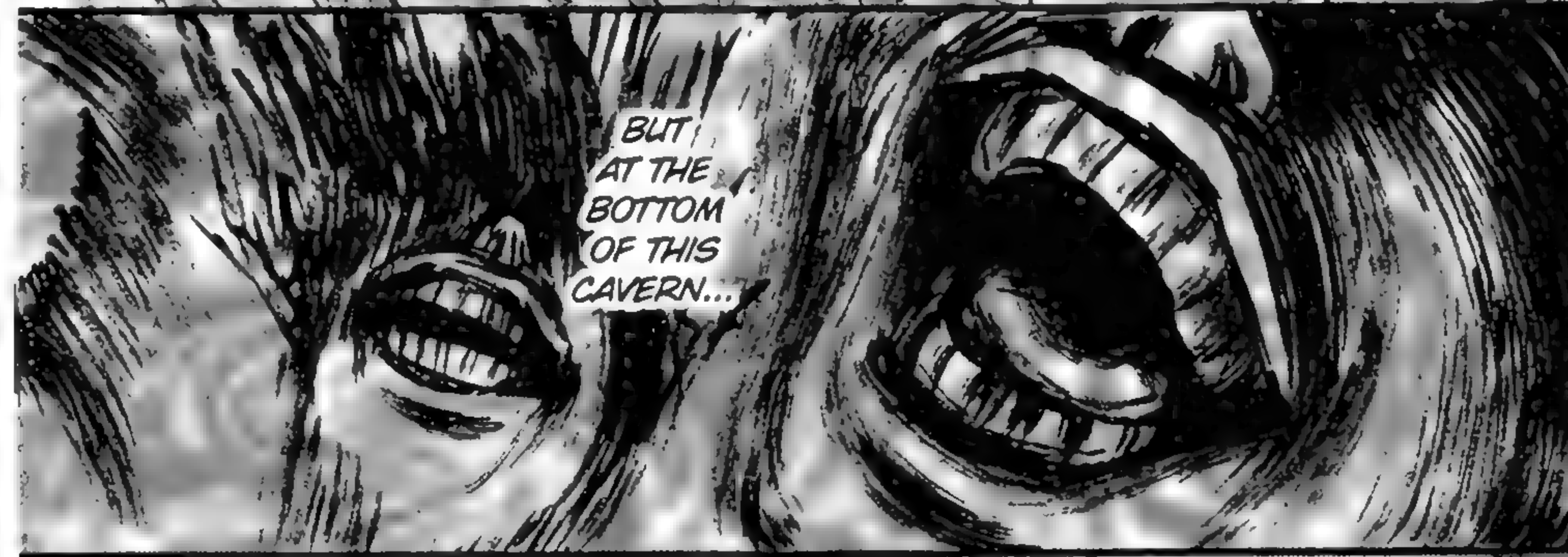
...WITHOUT
SHAPE,
FREE FROM
FEAR AND
ANXIETY.



HUMANS
CANNOT BE
BOUNDLESS...



SUCH
CERTAINLY
EXISTED...



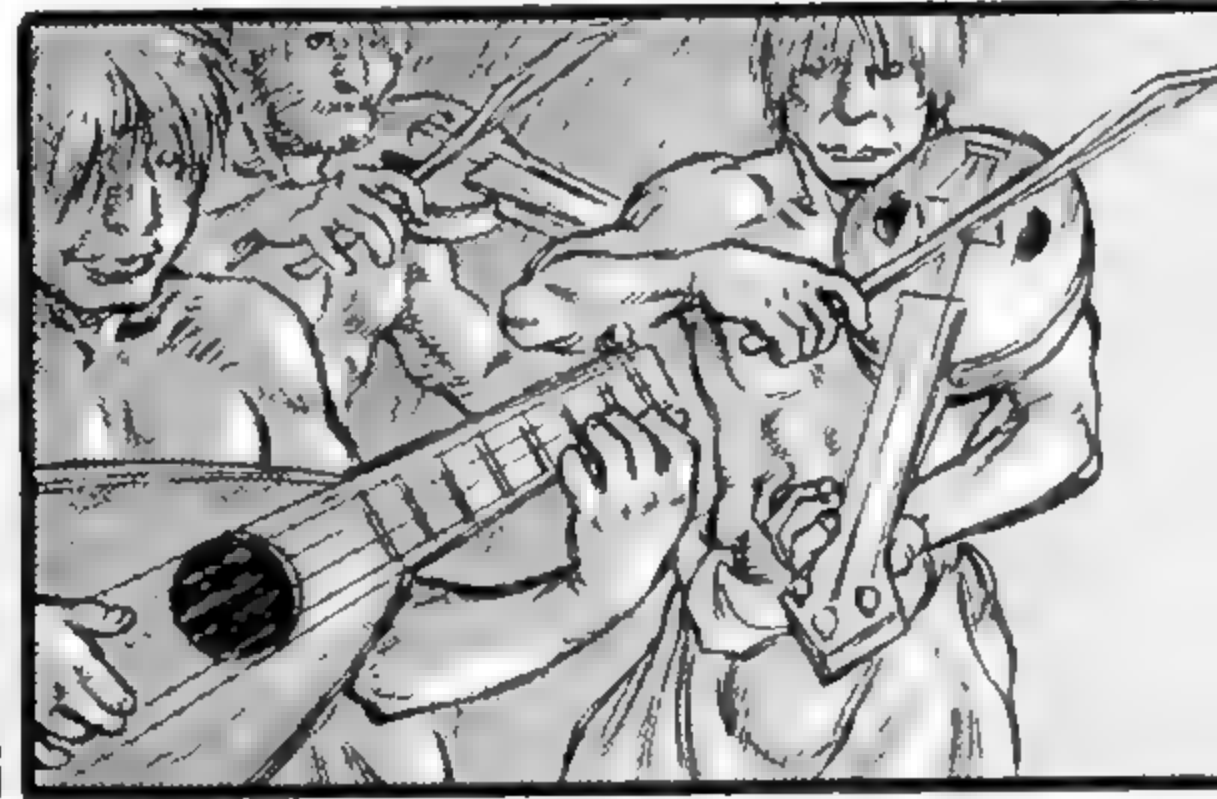
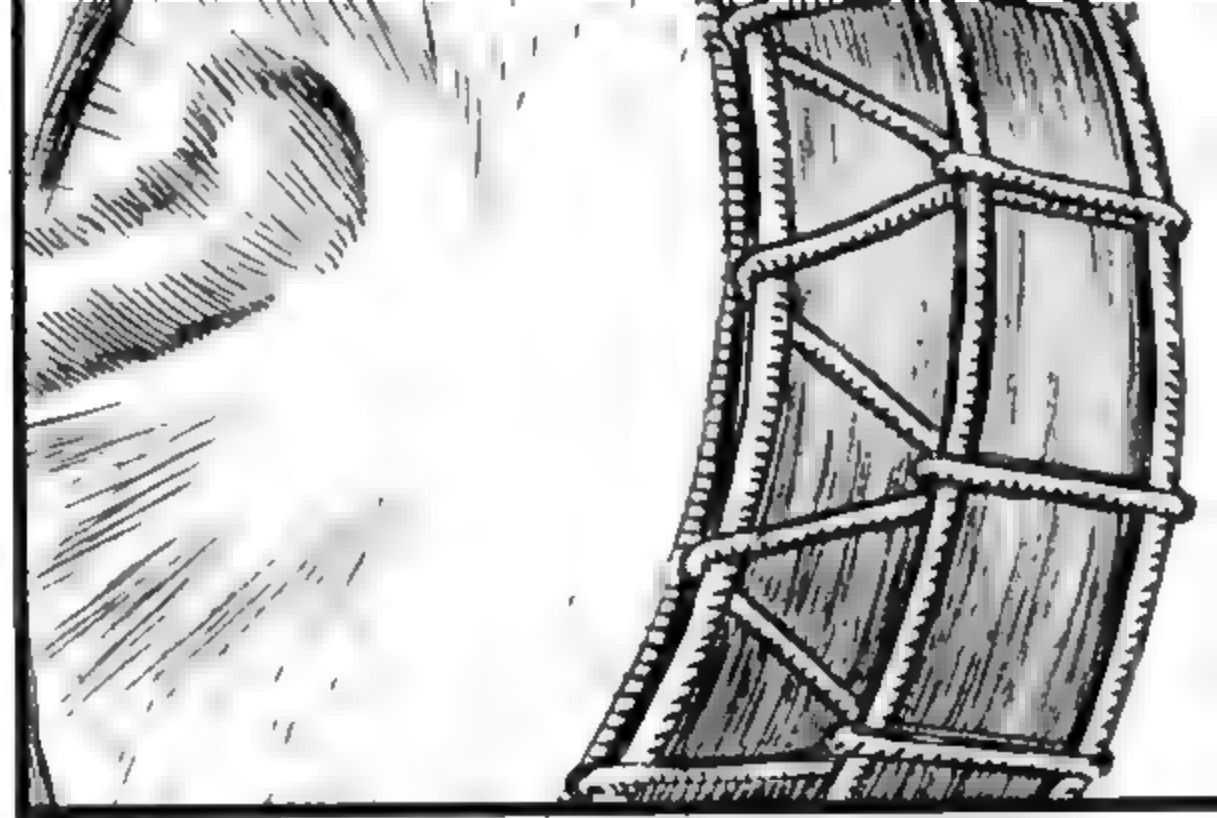
BUT
AT THE
BOTTOM
OF THIS
CAVERN...



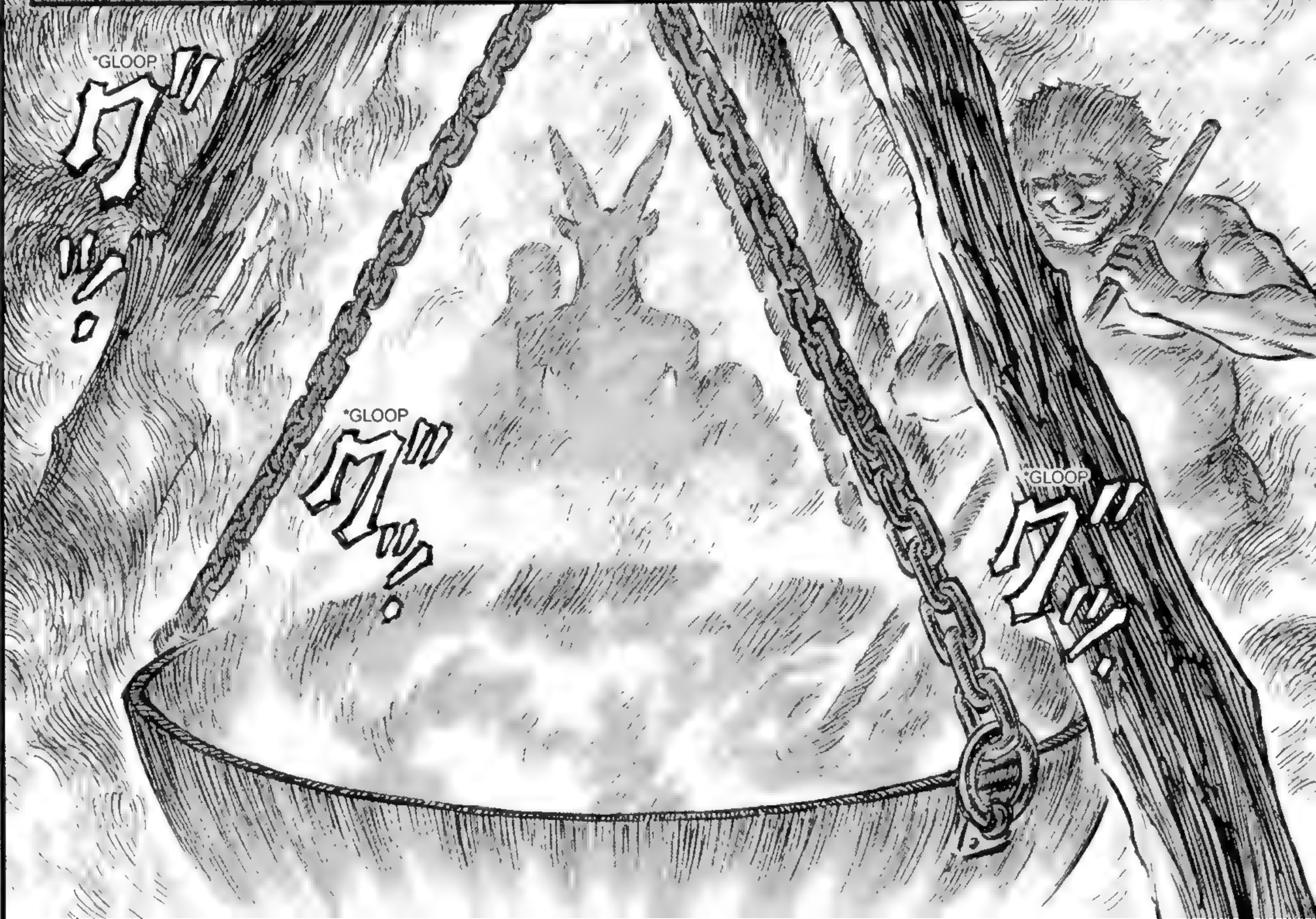
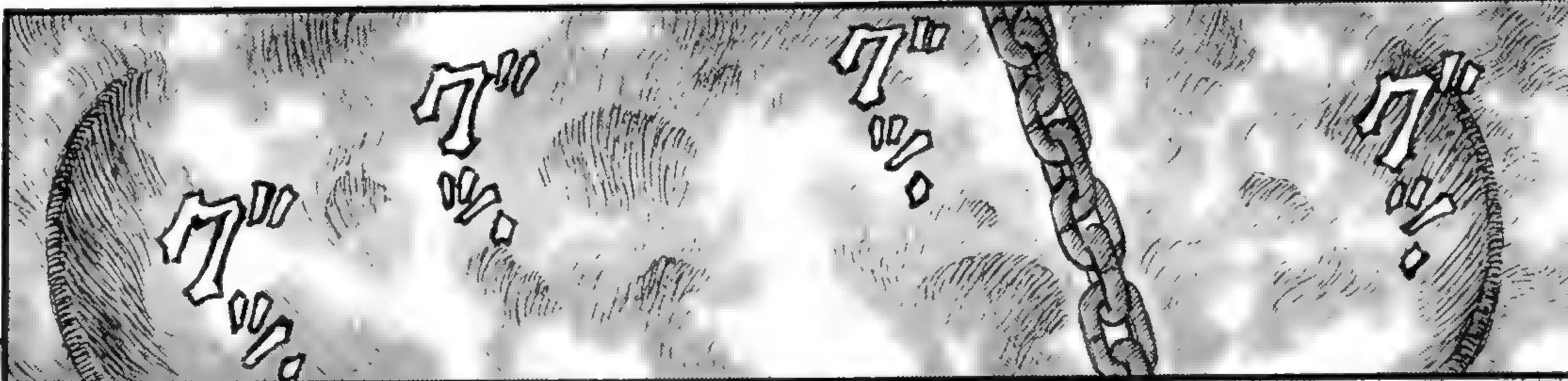
...KNOWN
AS SIN.



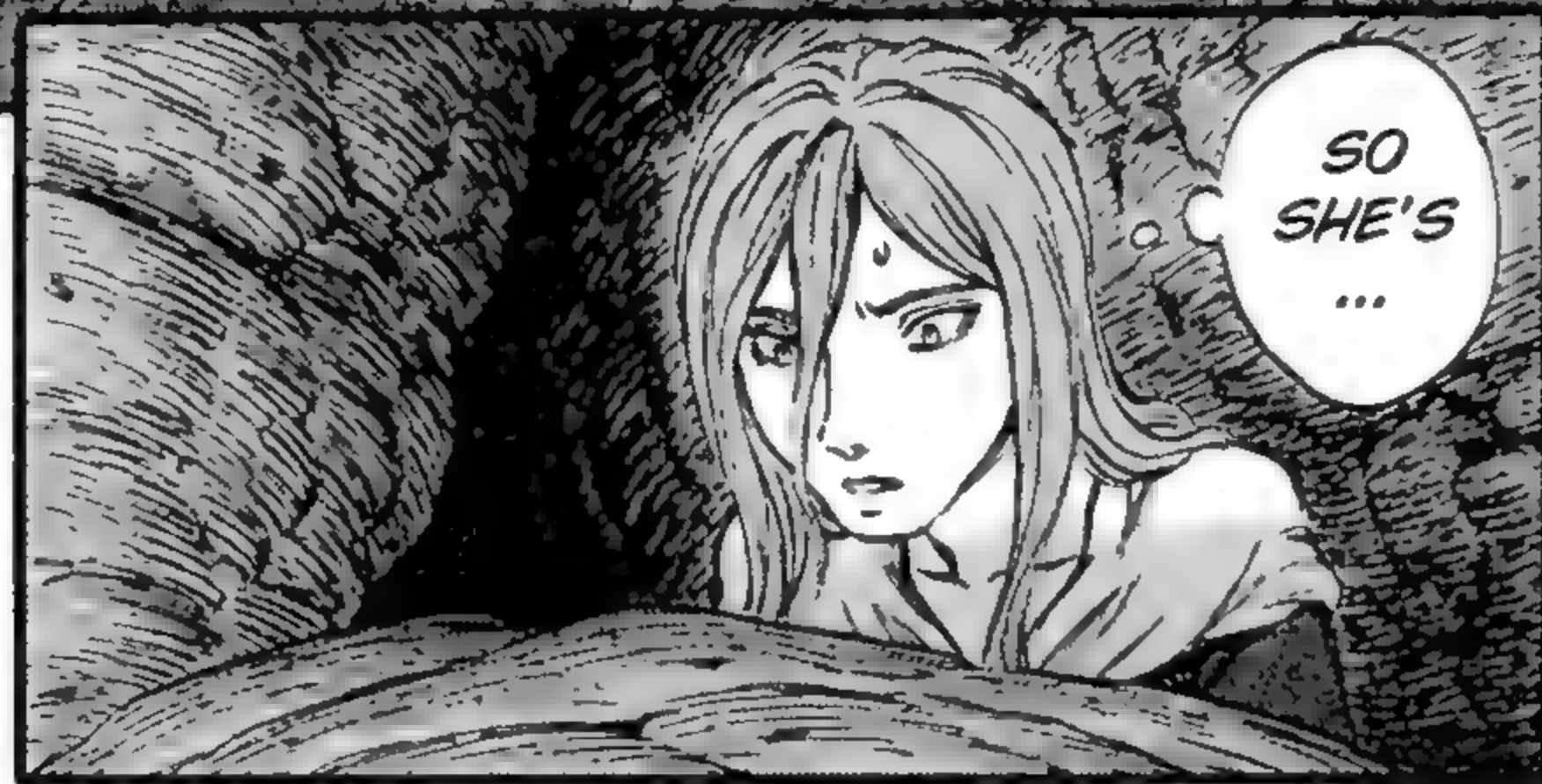
...WAS AN
UNDULATION
OF FLESH...



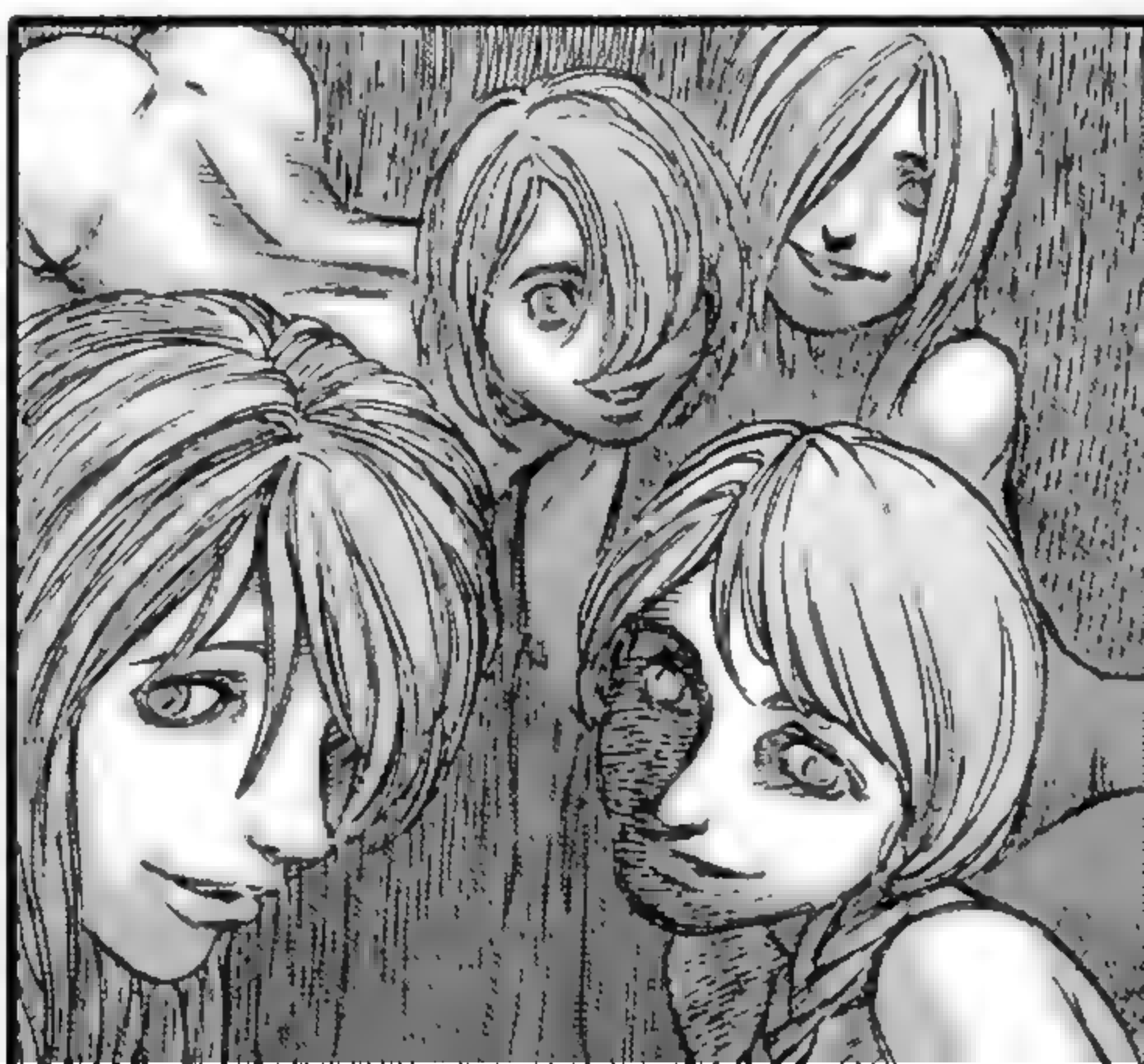
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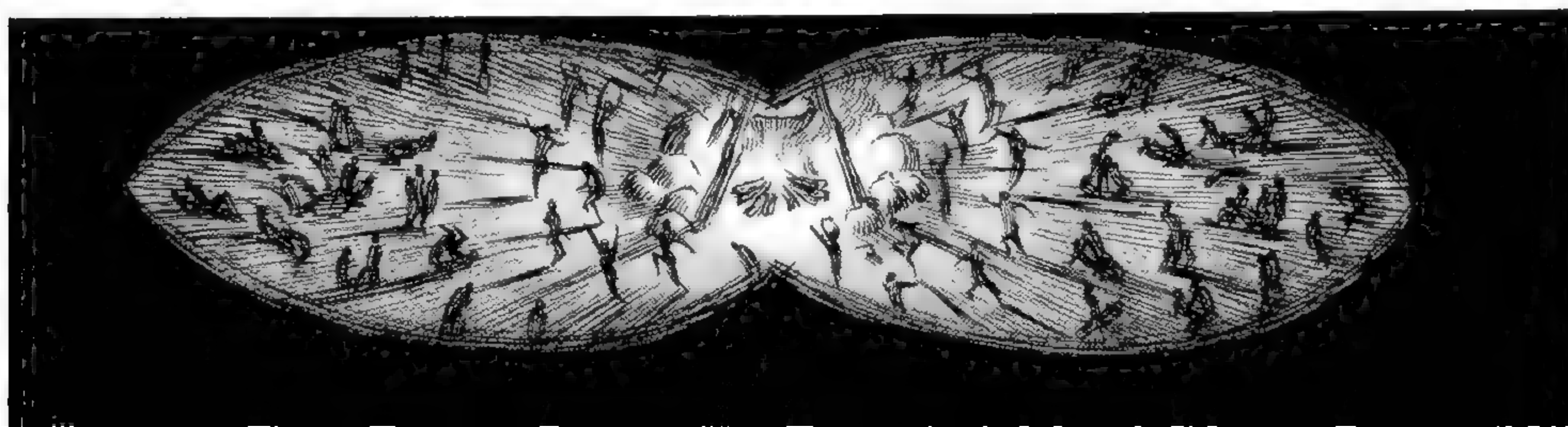
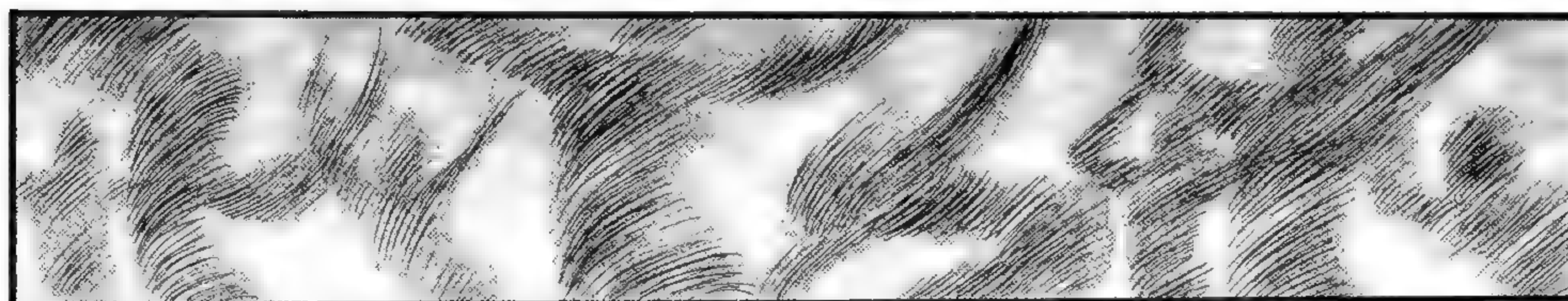
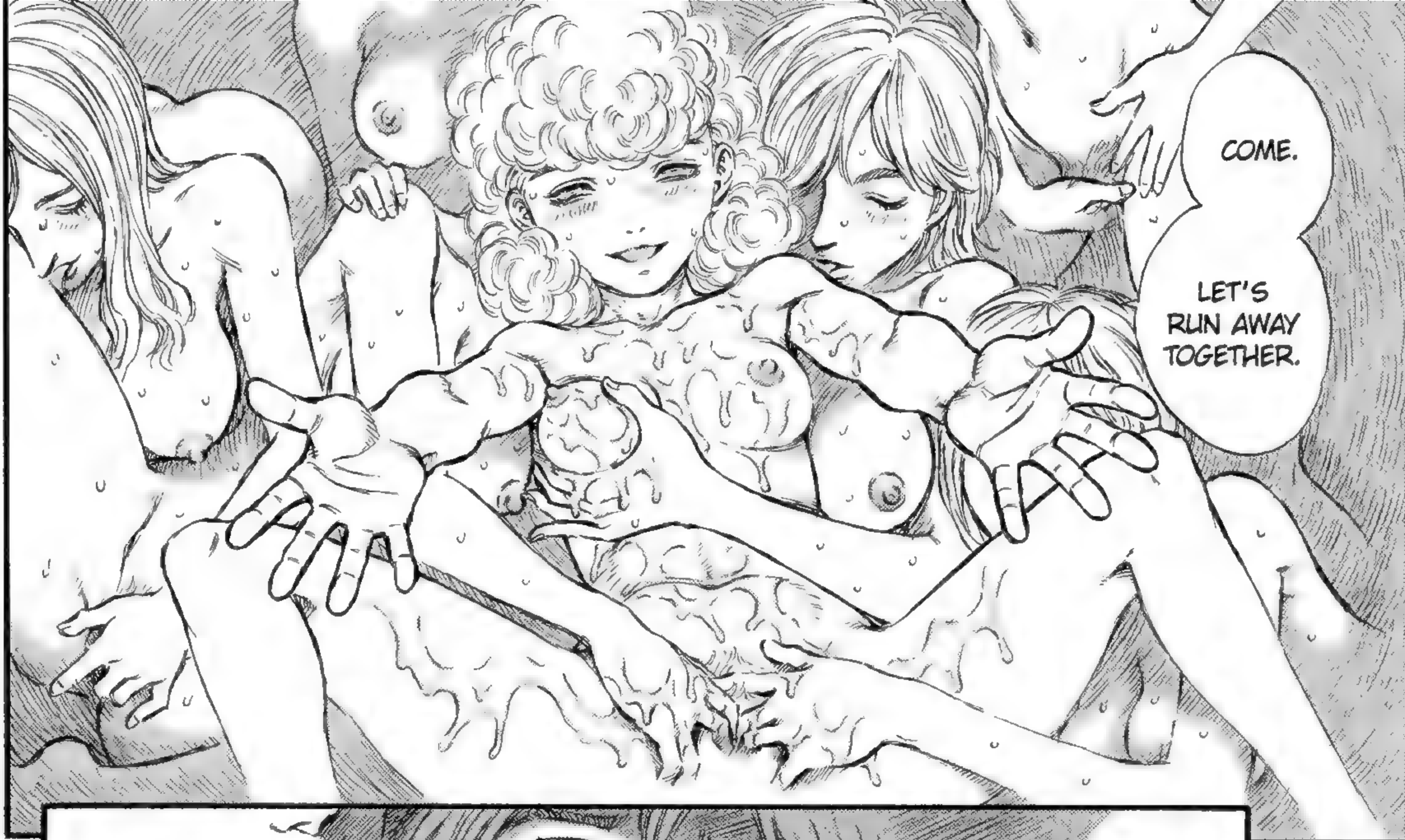


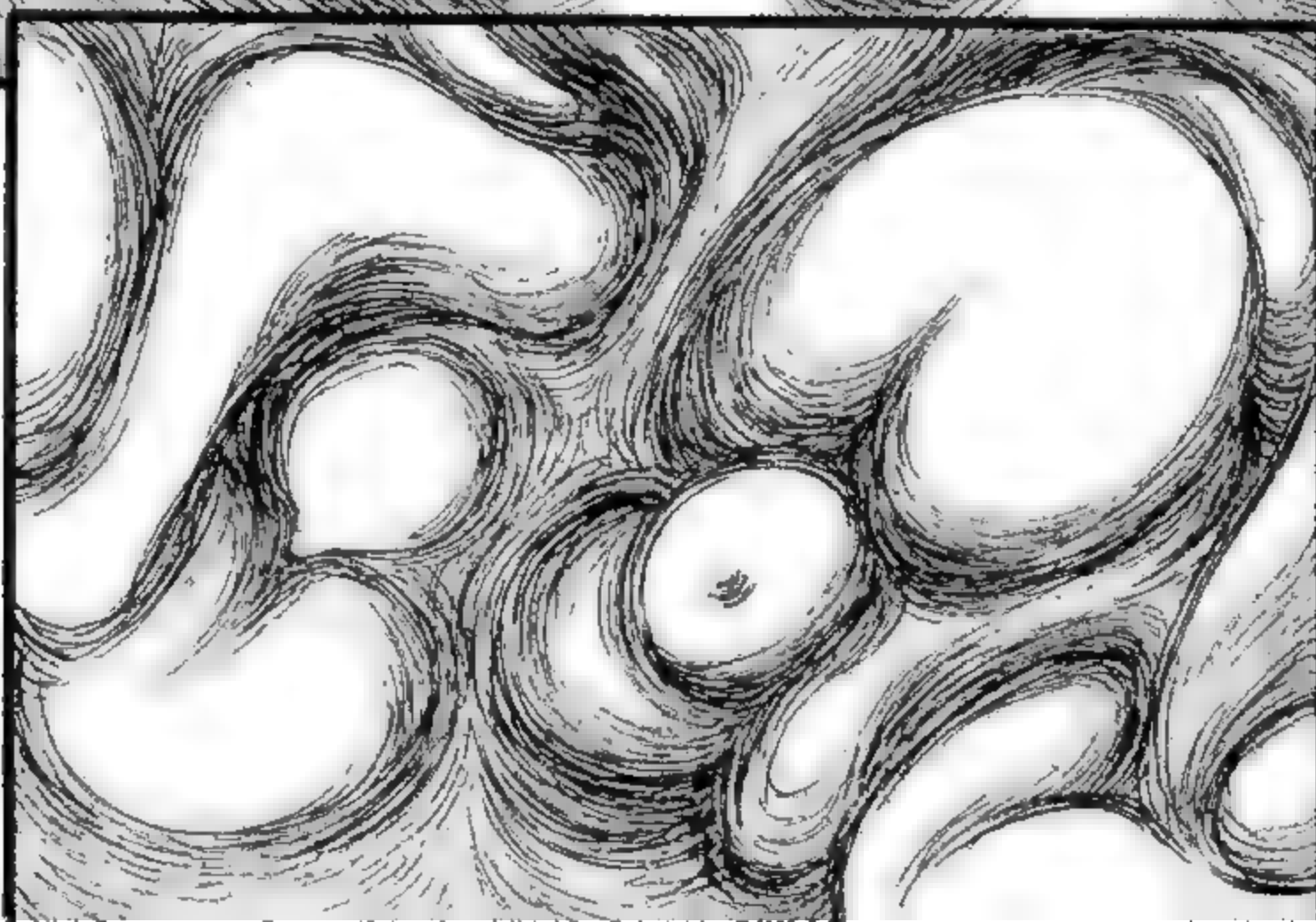
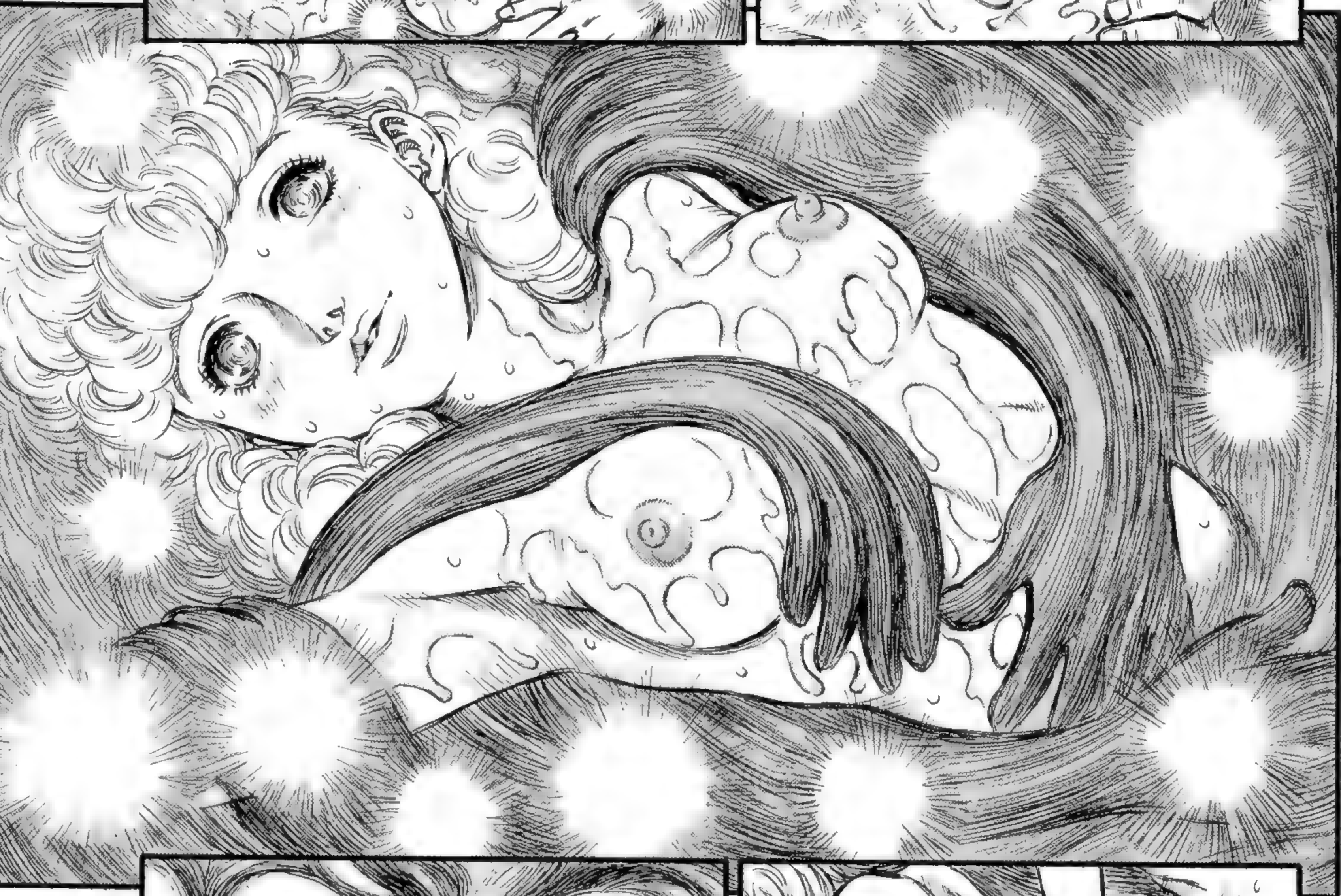


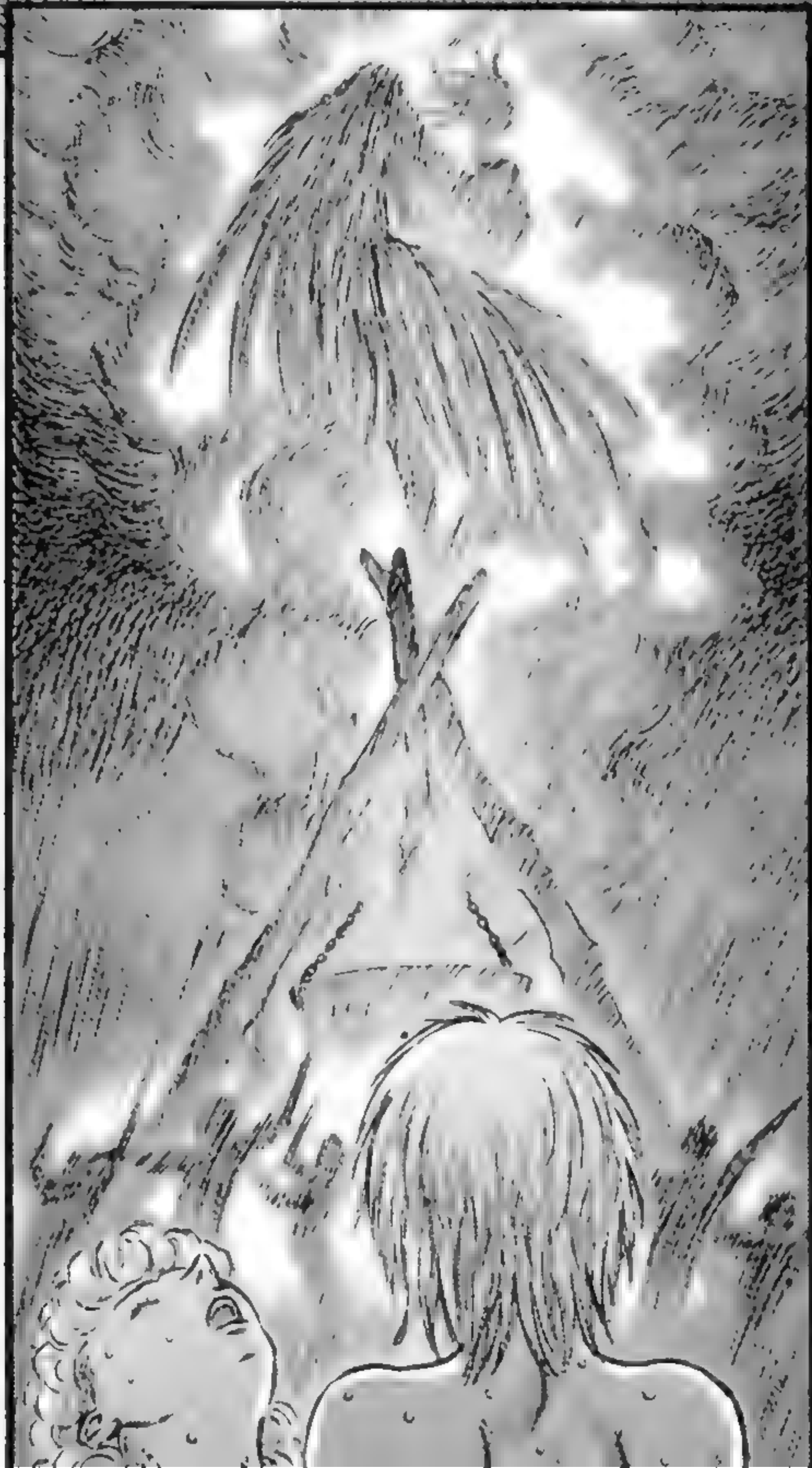
*FX DROM DROM DROM DROM











*FX ZLP



AN
ILLUSION
...?





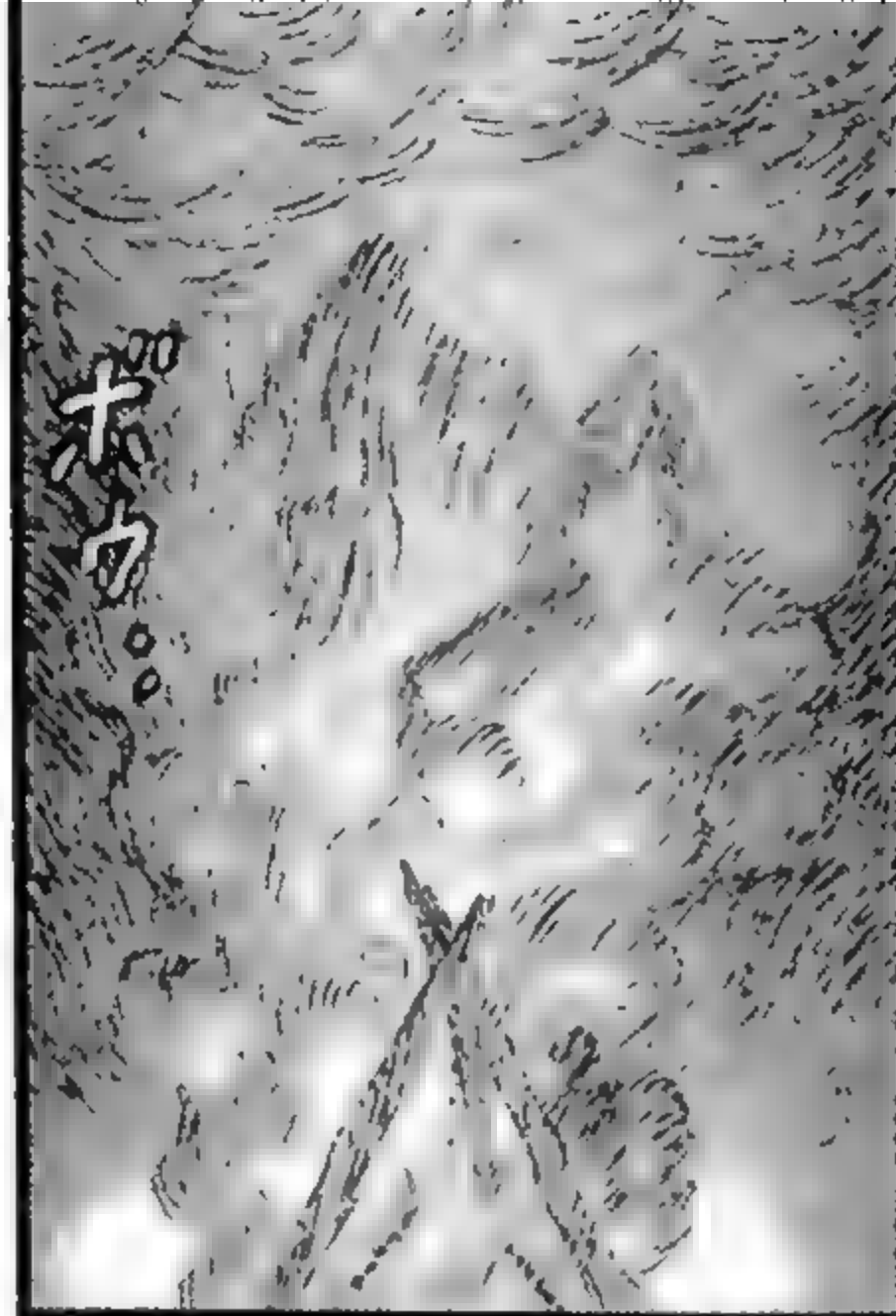
'TIS THE
GODDESS
OF
FLAME!!



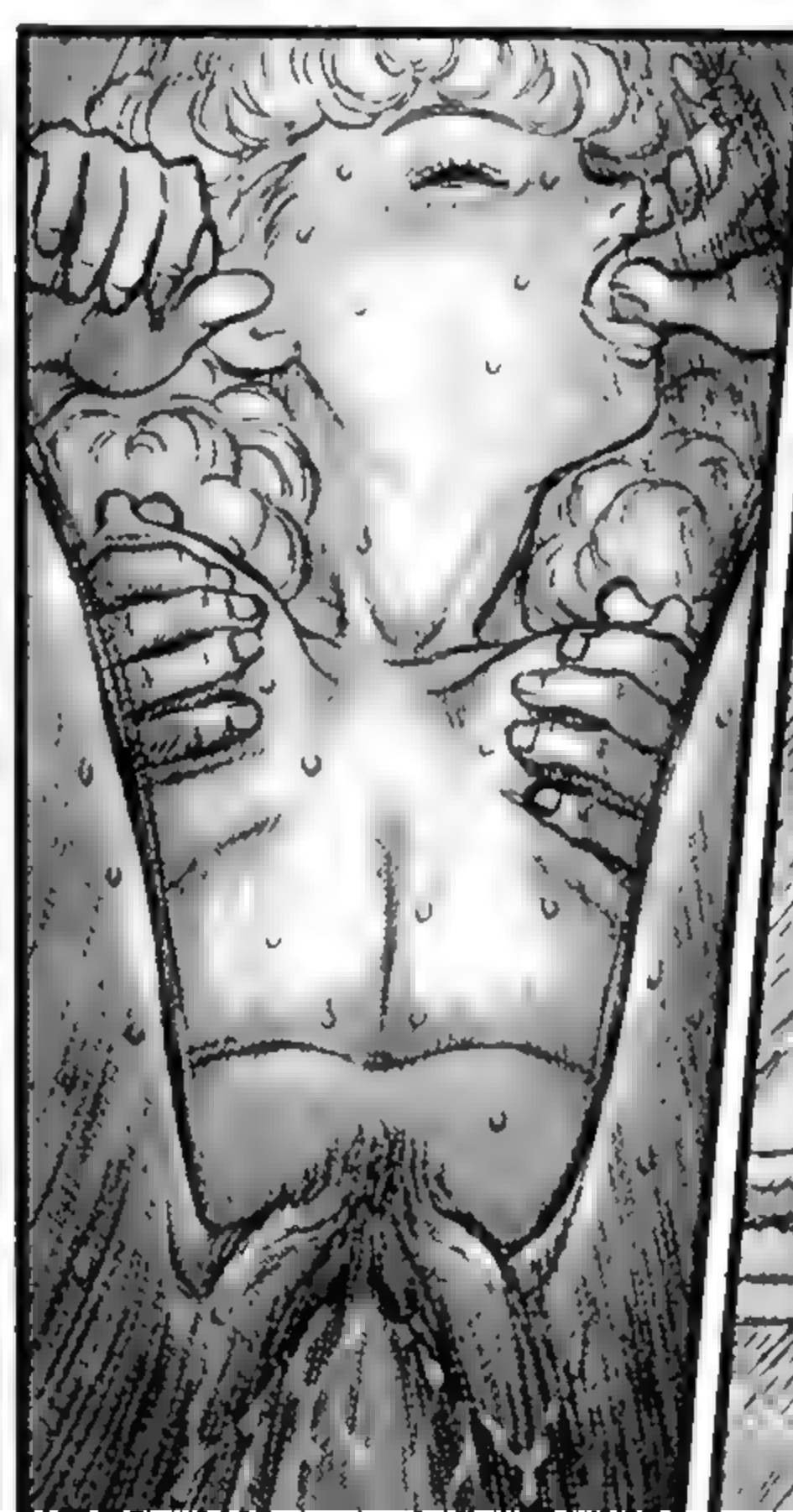
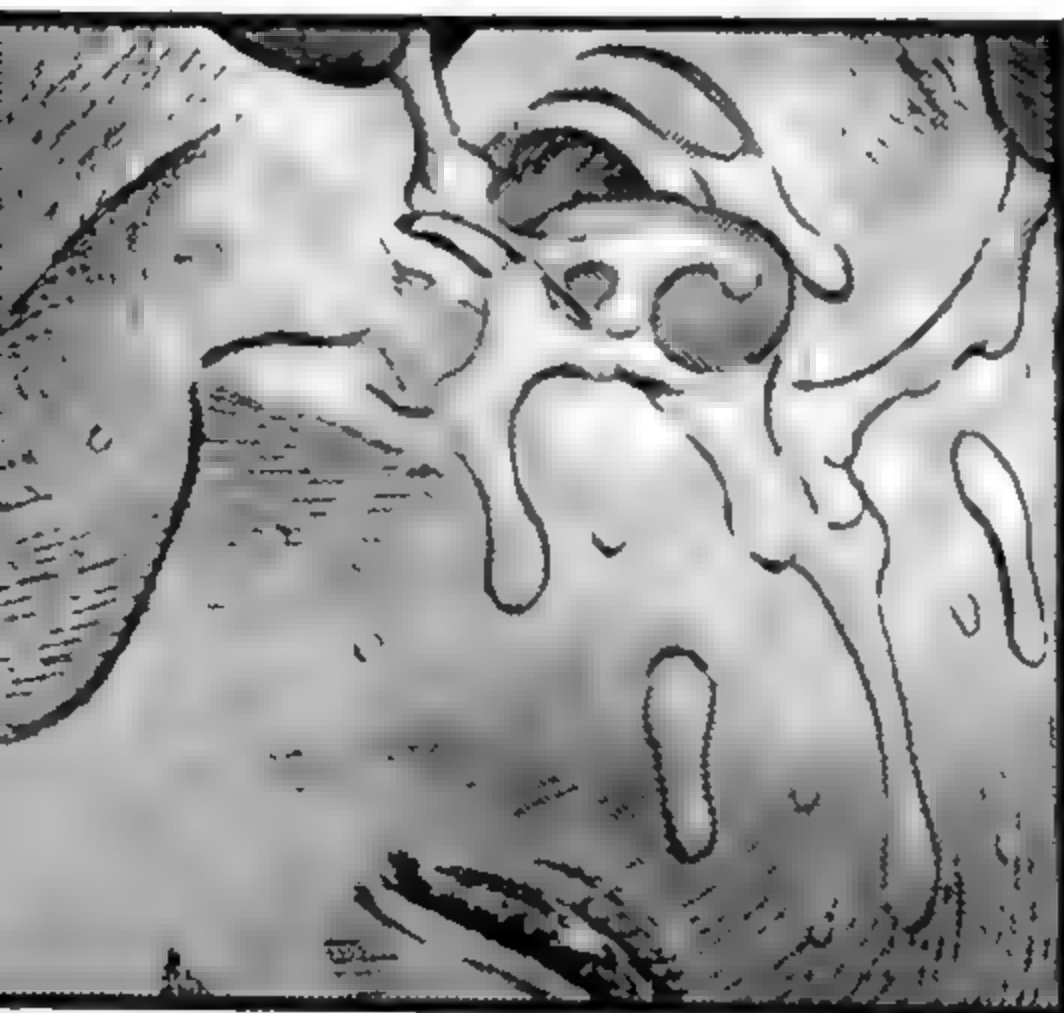
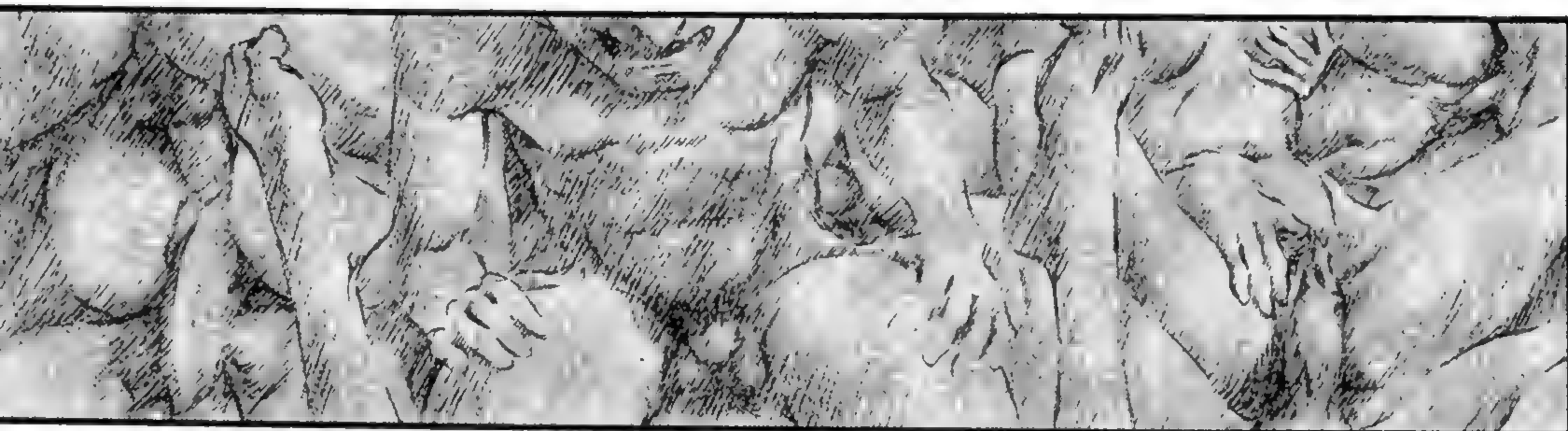
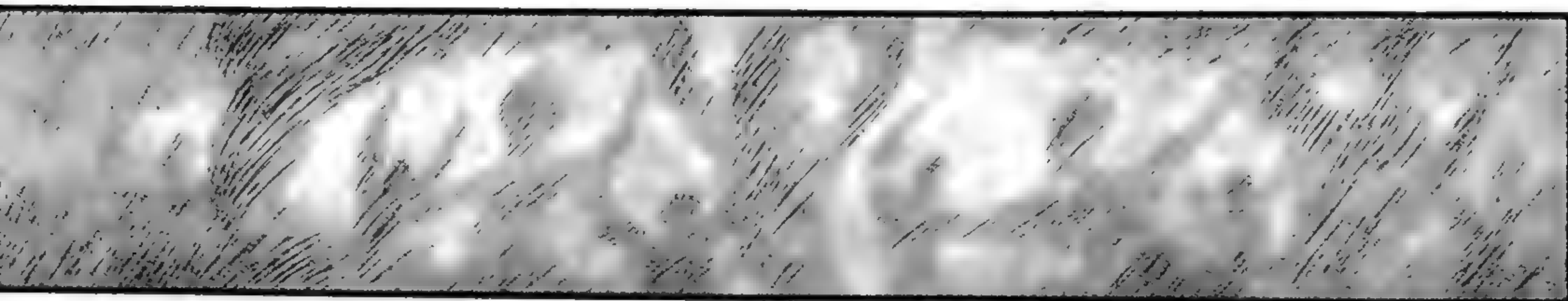
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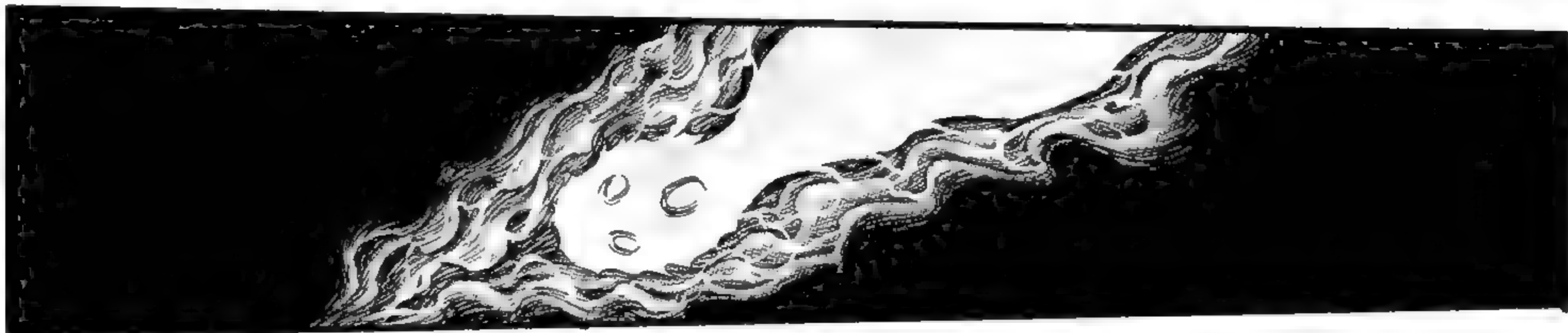
...OF
FLAME?



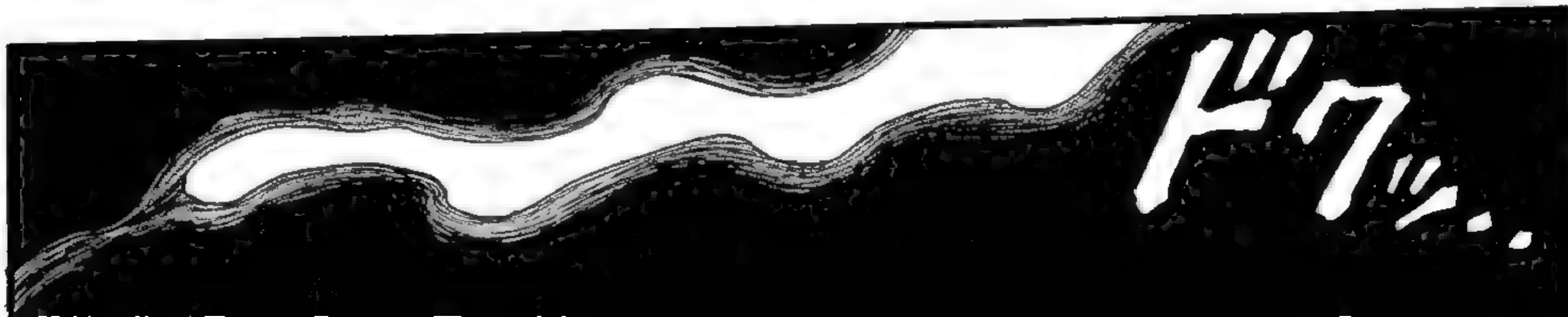


*FX BOPPH



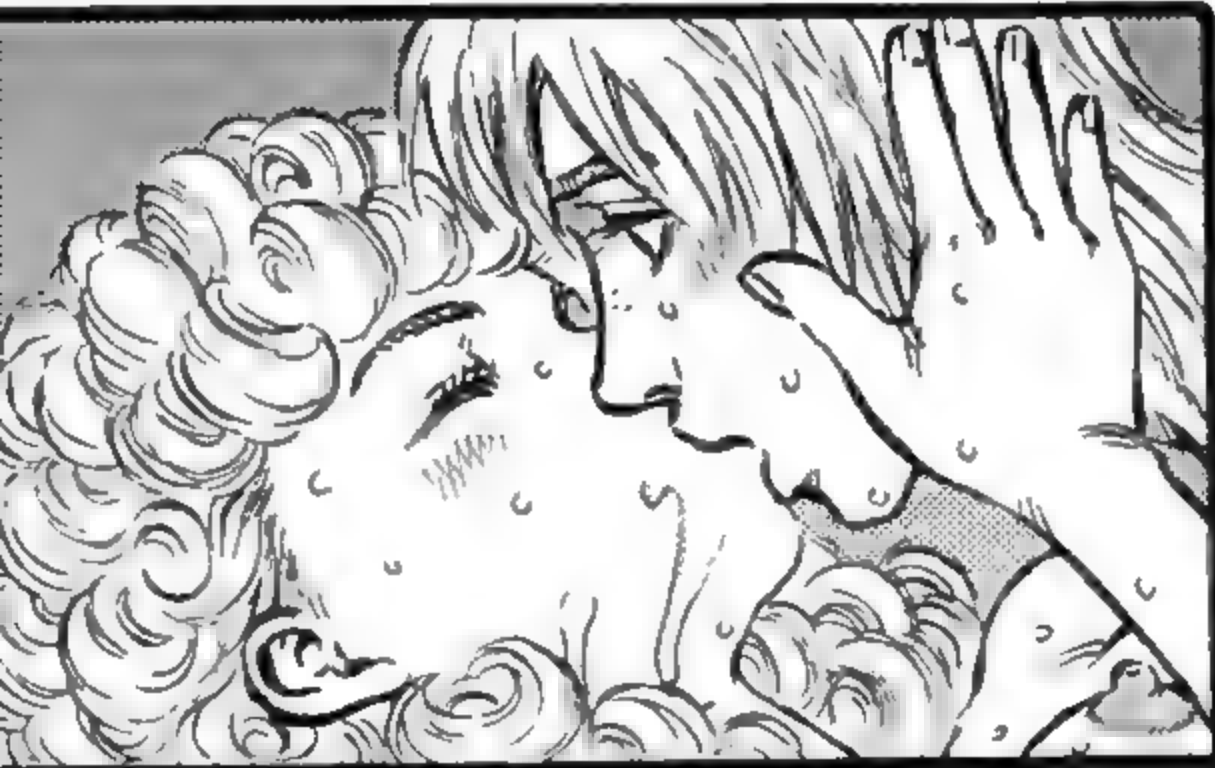


*FX: PULSE



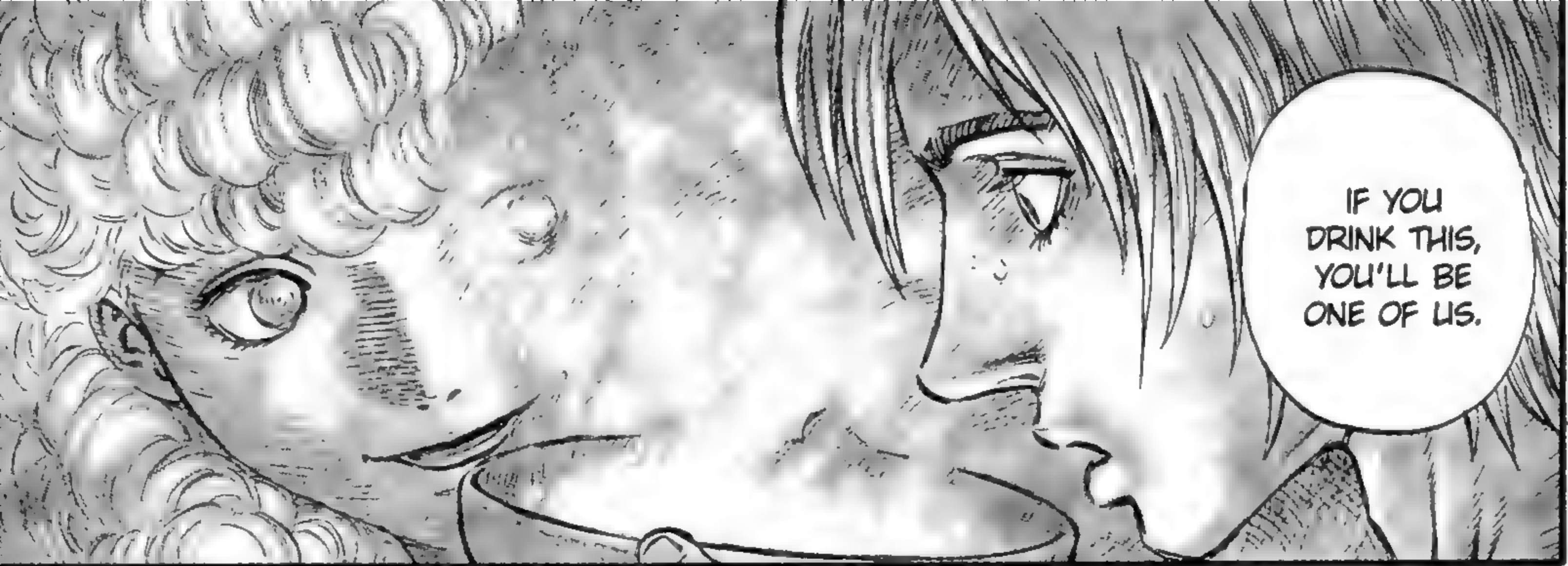


FX. HAAH HAAH HAAH



FX UHHHH

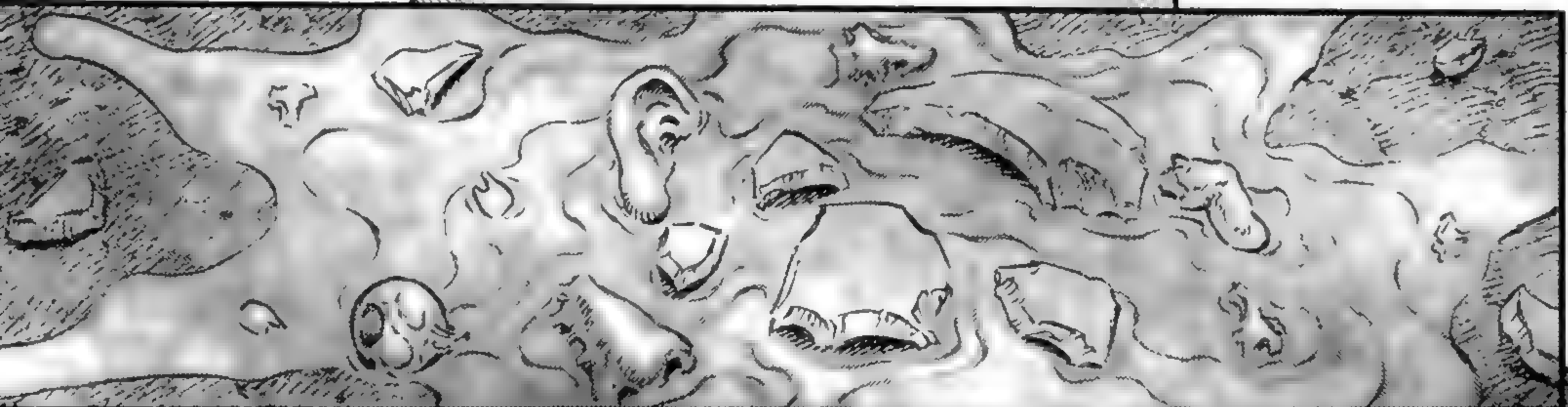




*FX: KRASSH

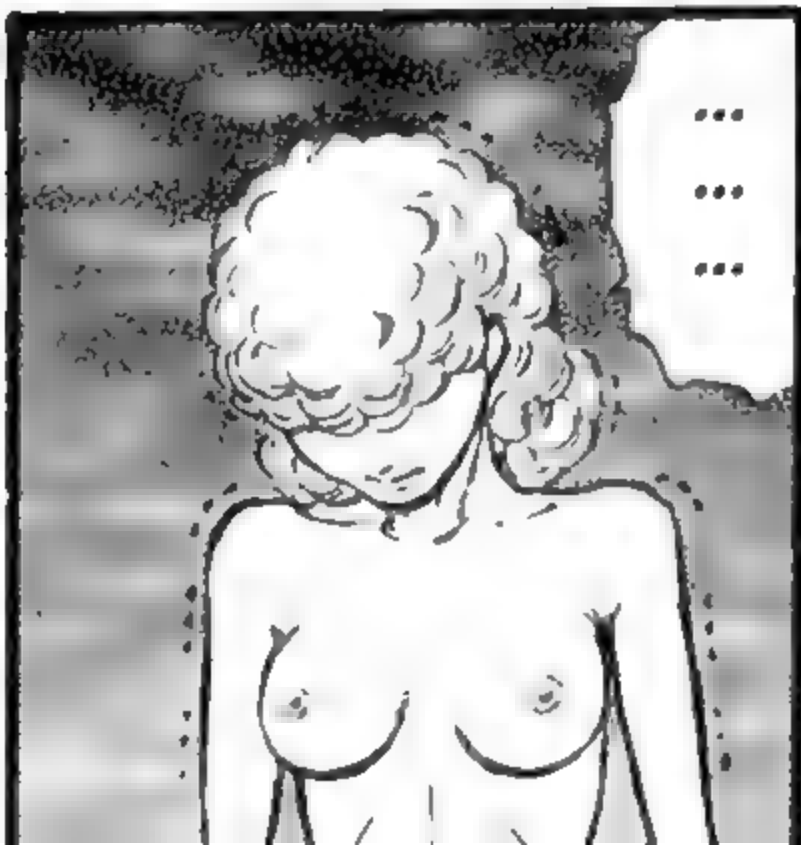
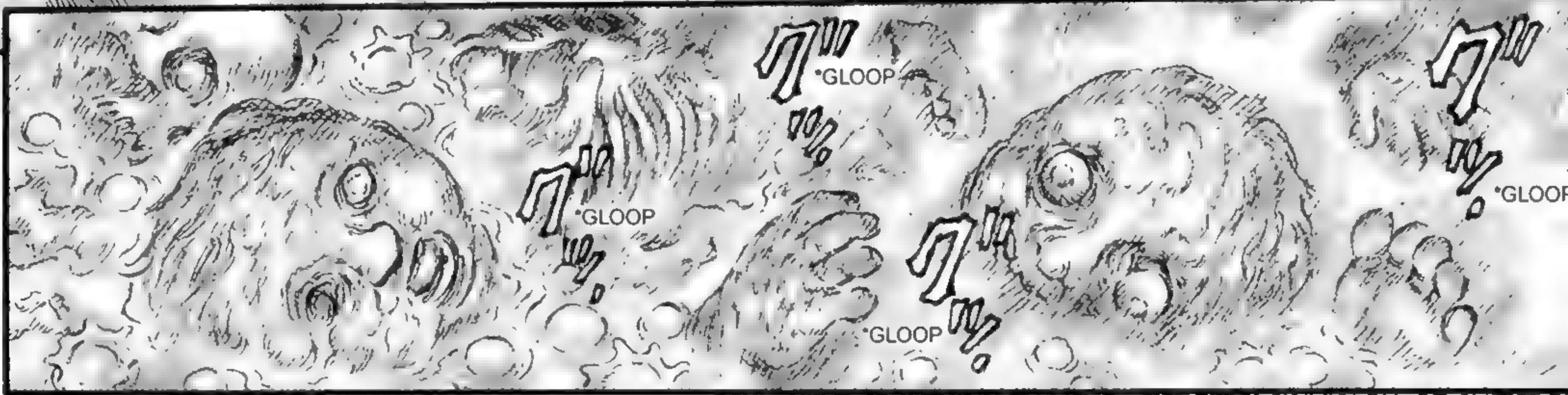


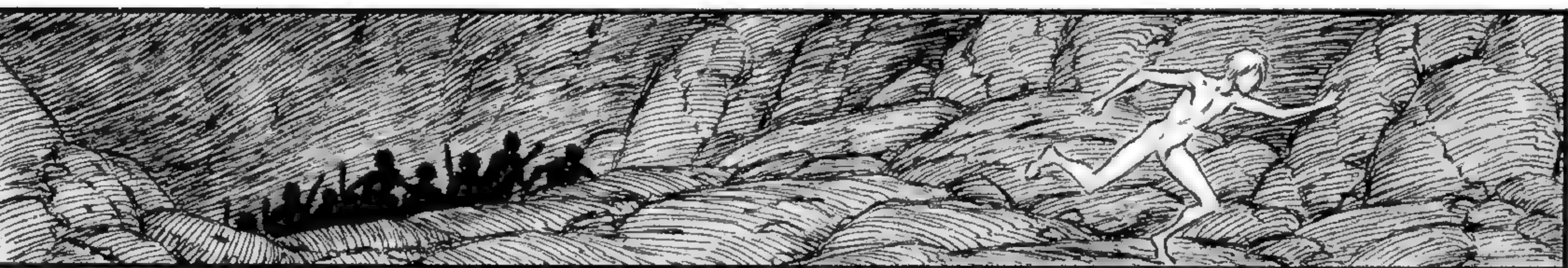
*FX KRNCH



...AN
ILLUSION.

THIS
ISN'T...







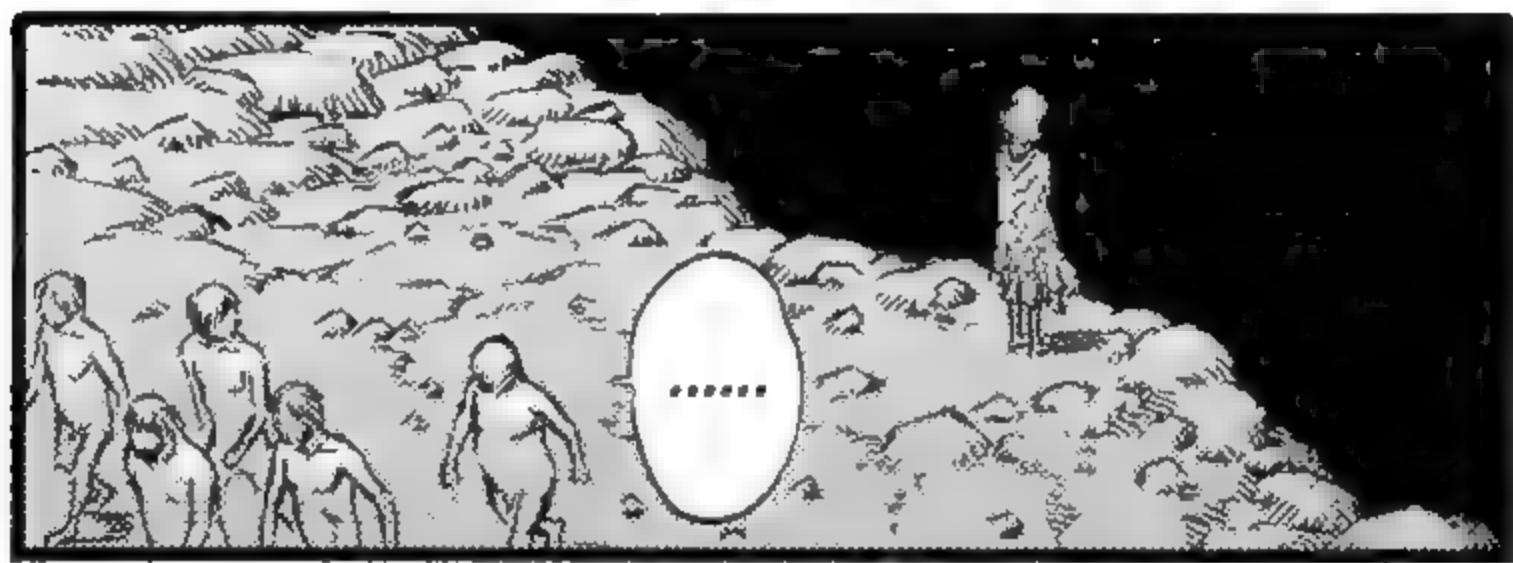
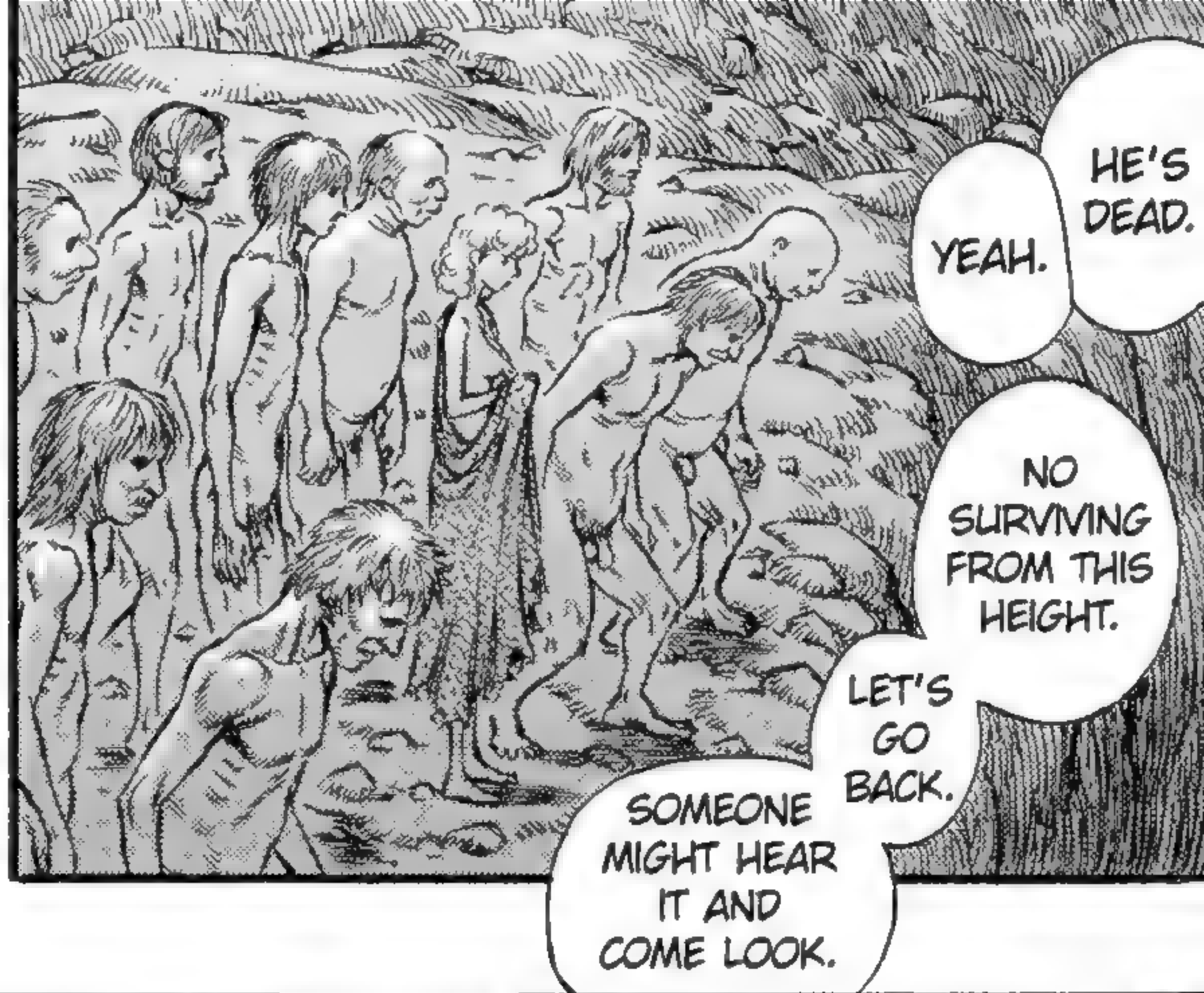
うわ
あ、あ、あ、あ





*FX: YAHHHHHH

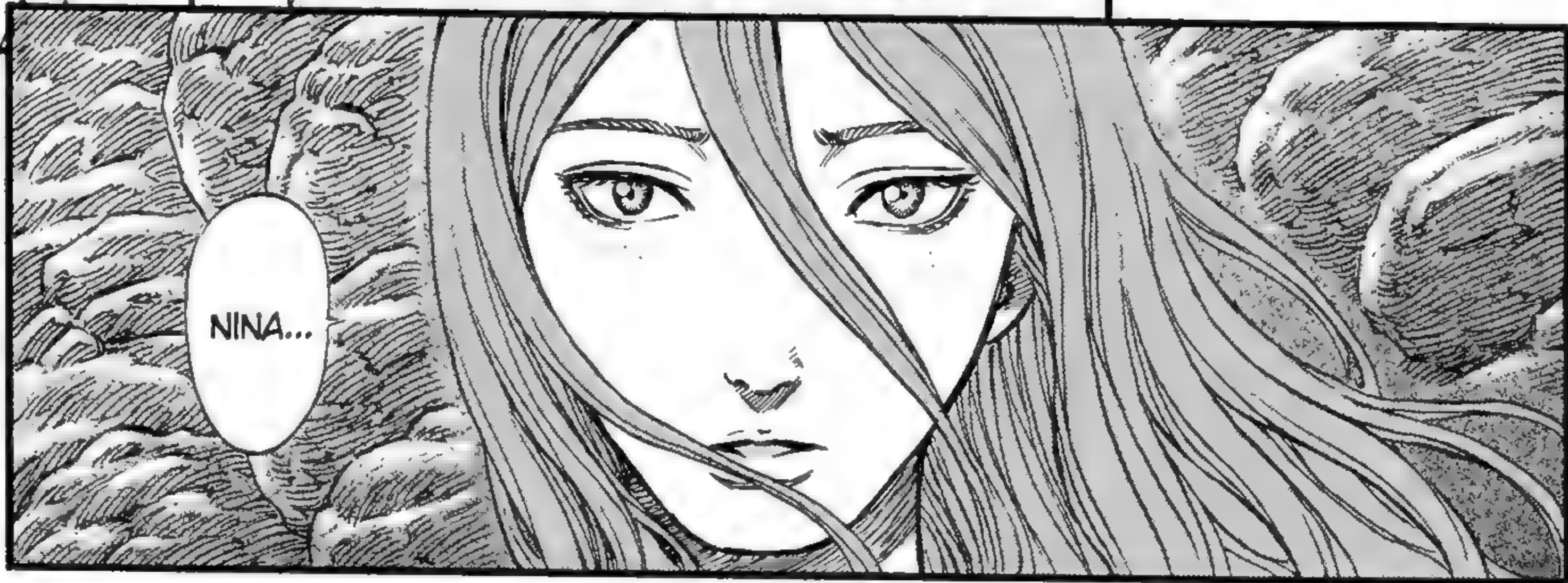


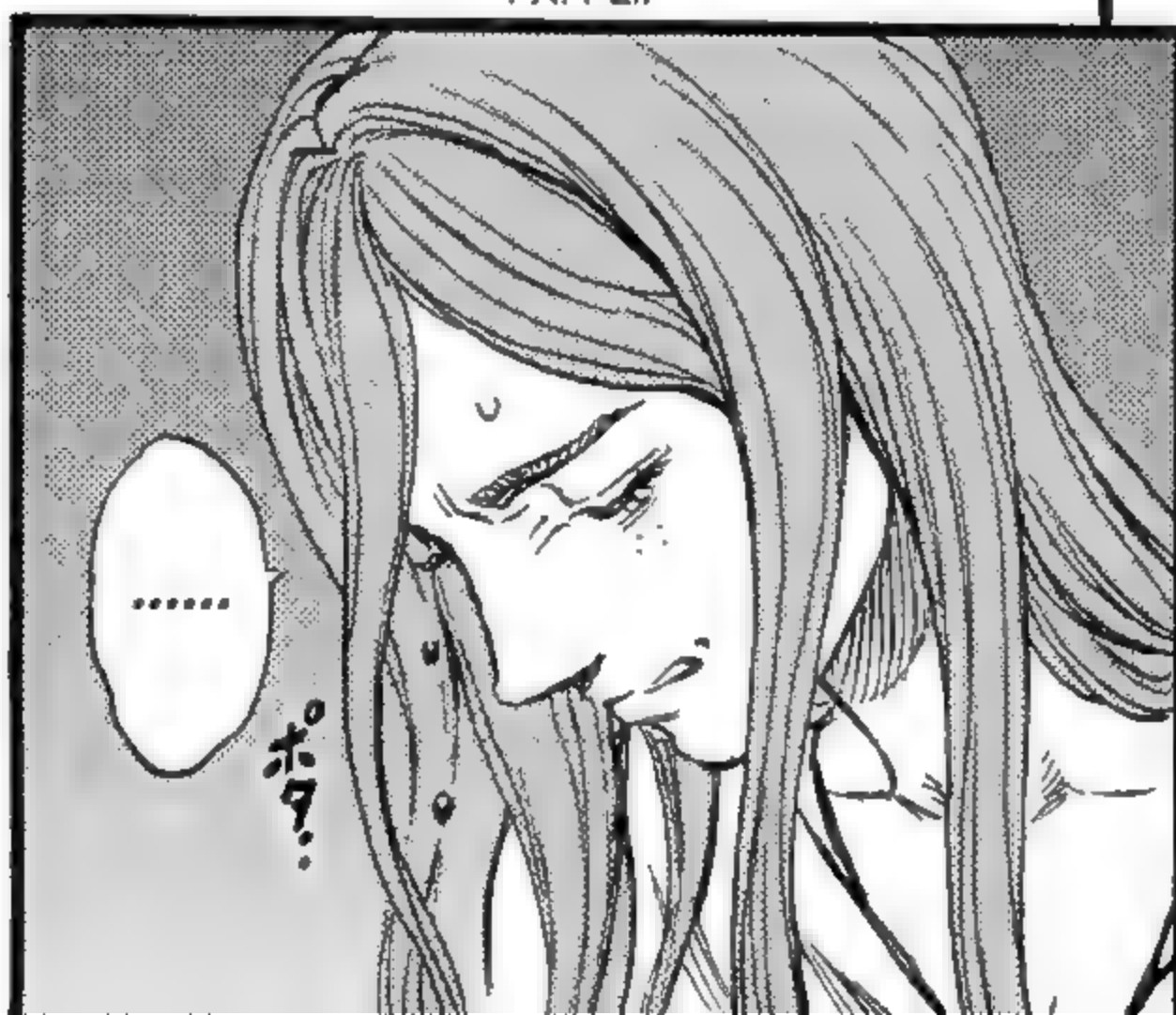
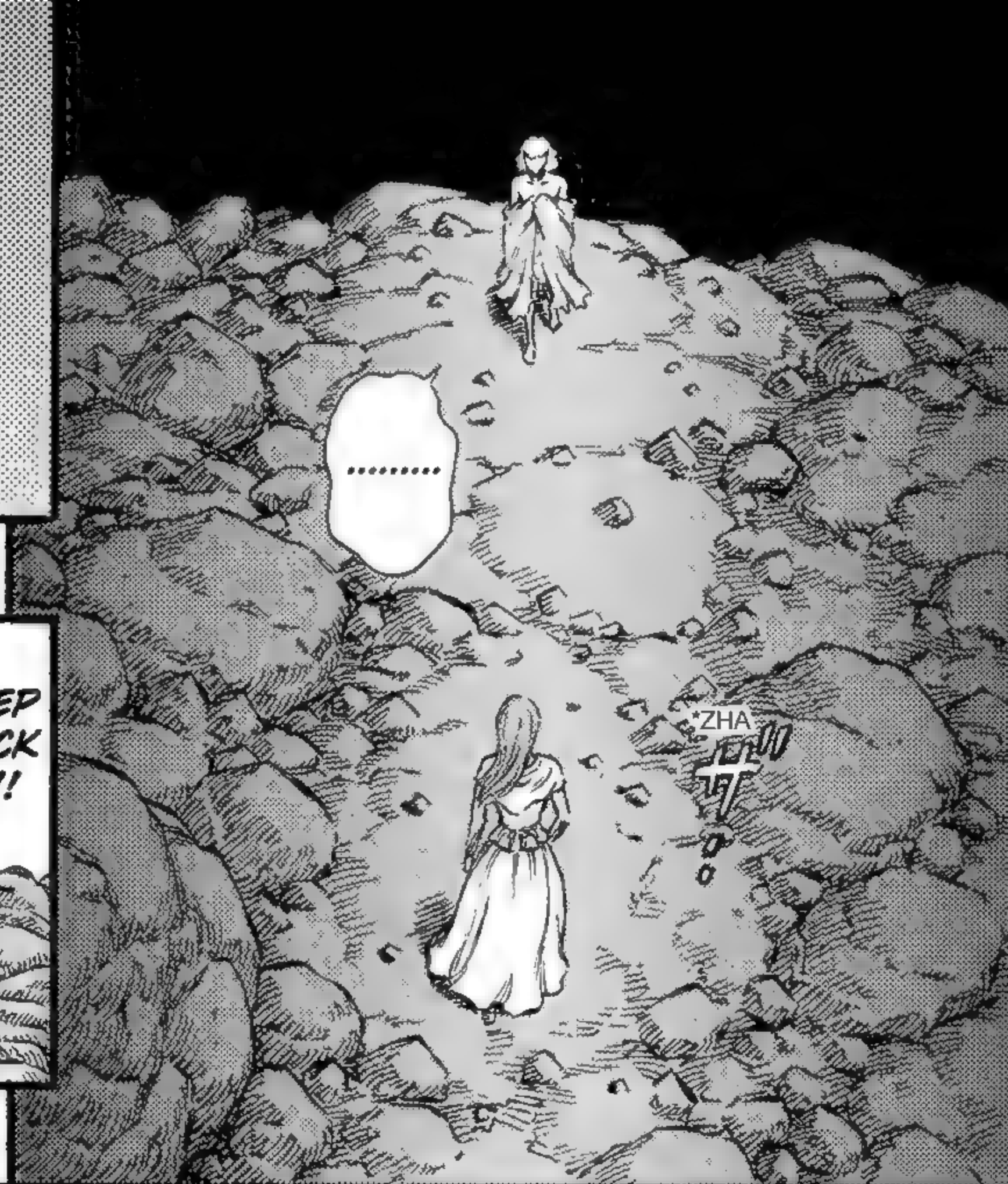


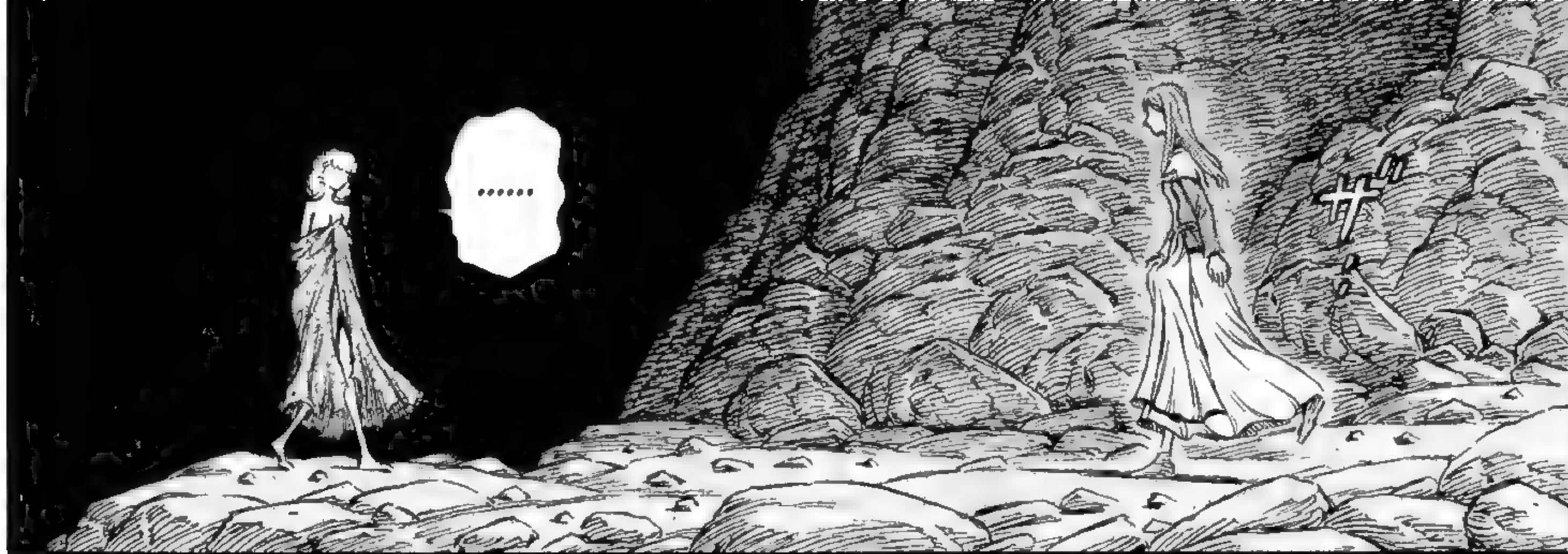
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*FX: ZHA

*FX: WHRRRL



I-IF YOU
COME ANY
CLOSER...

...
I'LL
JUMP
OFF
!!



WHAT'S
THE BIG
IDEA?!

WH-
WHAT...

*FX: ZHA ZHA

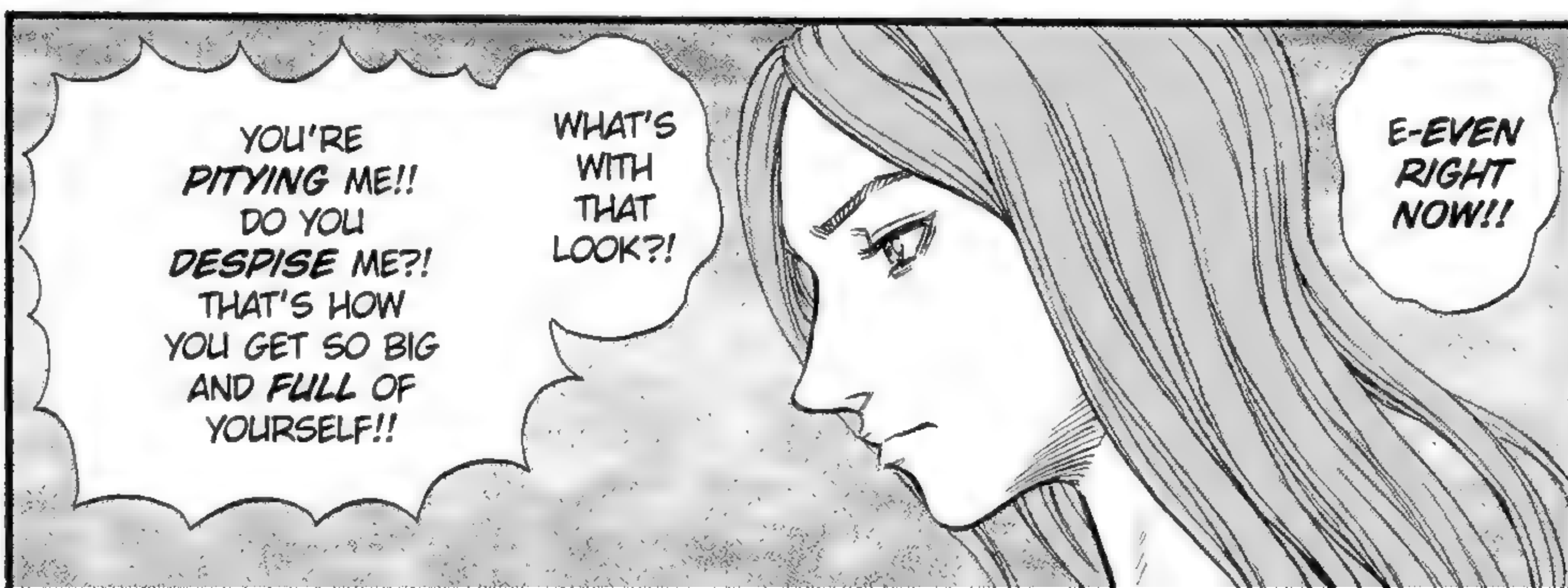


ACTING LIKE YOU
KNOW EVERYTHING,
PROUDLY ORDERING
PEOPLE AROUND!!

YOU'VE
BEEN HIGH-
HANDED AND
INTOLERABLE
!!

YOU'VE
NEVER
DONE
RIGHT BY
ME!!

YOU
KNOW
WHAT
?!



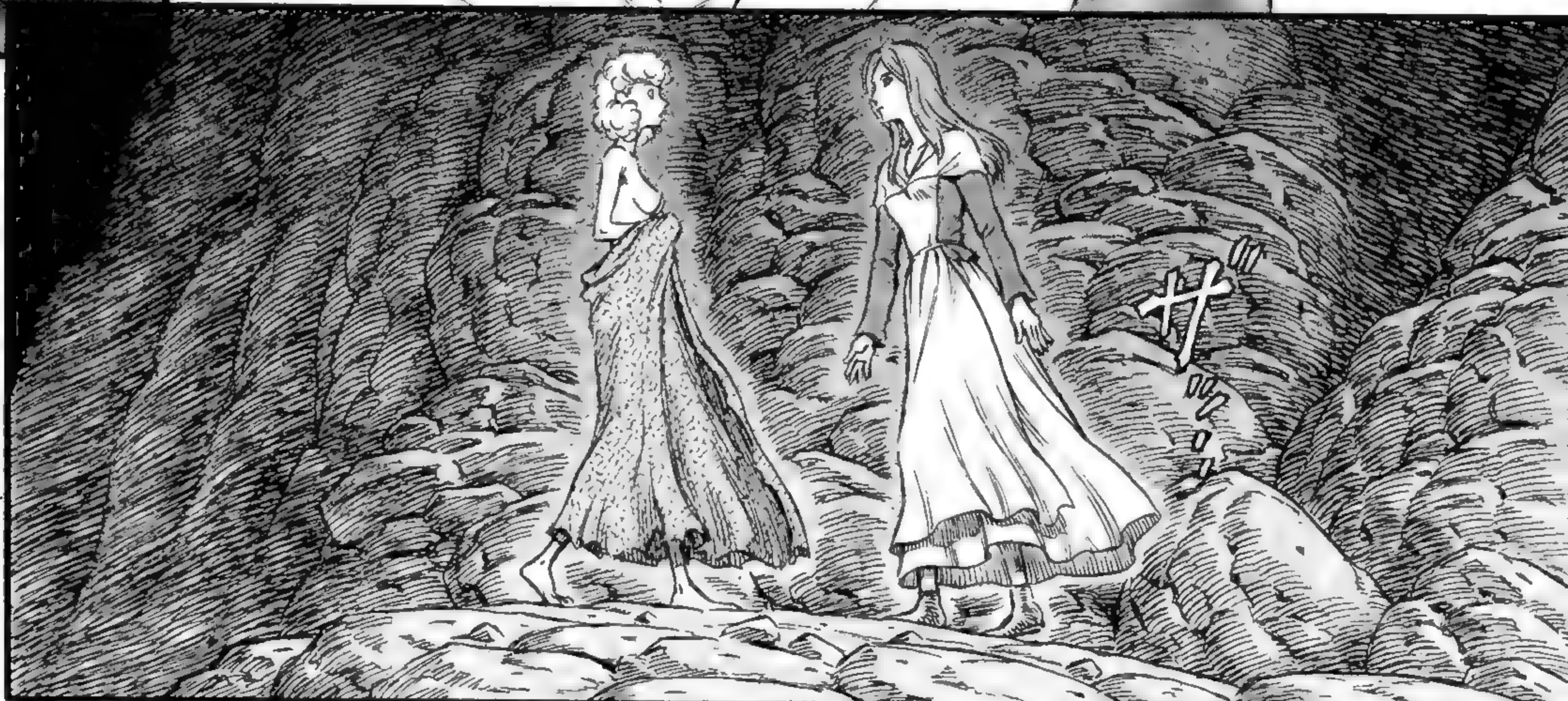
YOU'RE
PITYING ME!!
DO YOU
DESPISE ME?!
THAT'S HOW
YOU GET SO BIG
AND FULL OF
YOURSELF!!

WHAT'S
WITH
THAT
LOOK?!

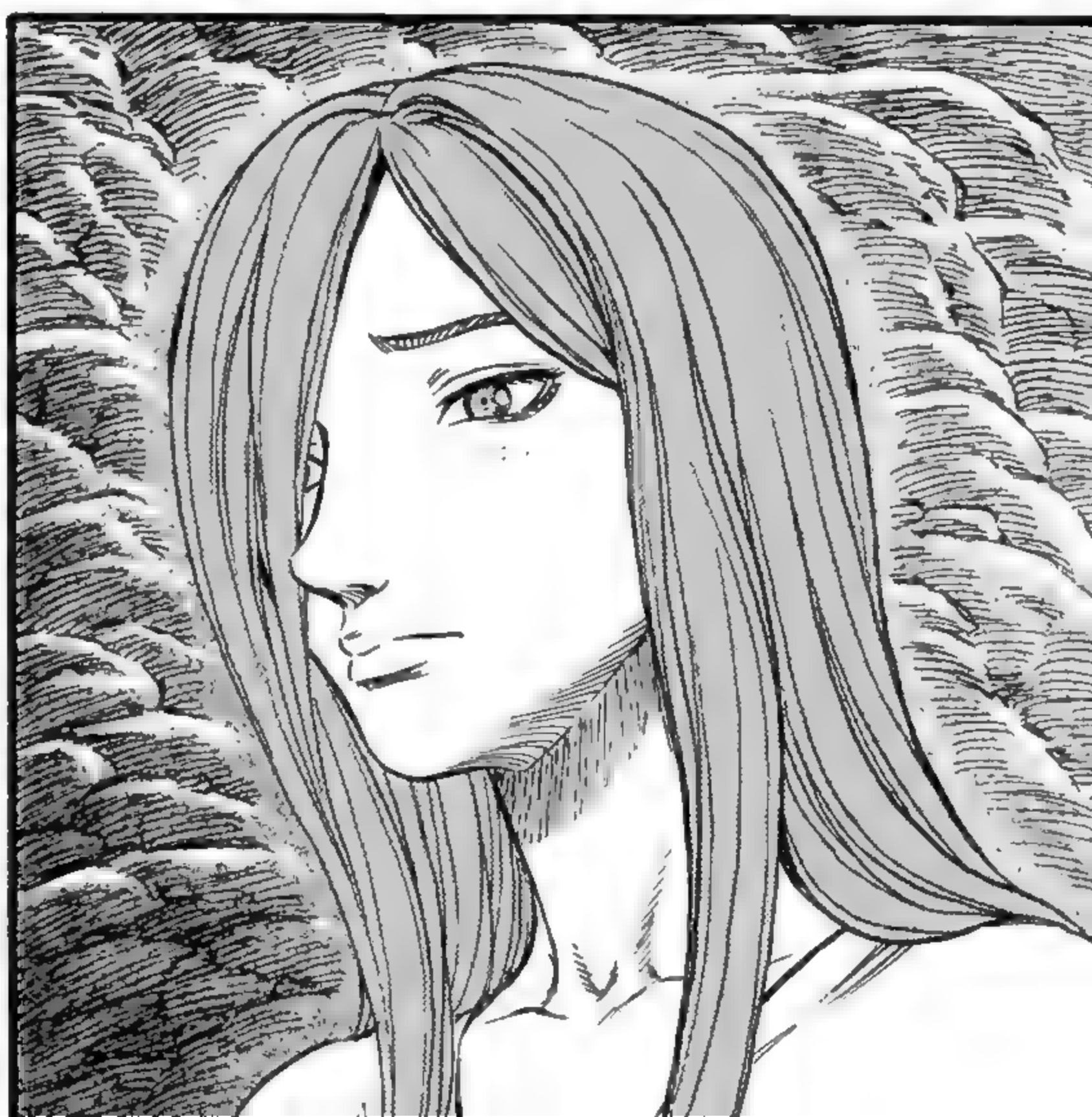
E-EVEN
RIGHT
NOW!!

**HOW CAN
YOU LOOK
DOWN ON
OTHER
PEOPLE
THAT WAY
?!**

**YOU'RE
THE
SAME
AS ME,
JUST
A
WHORE
!!**

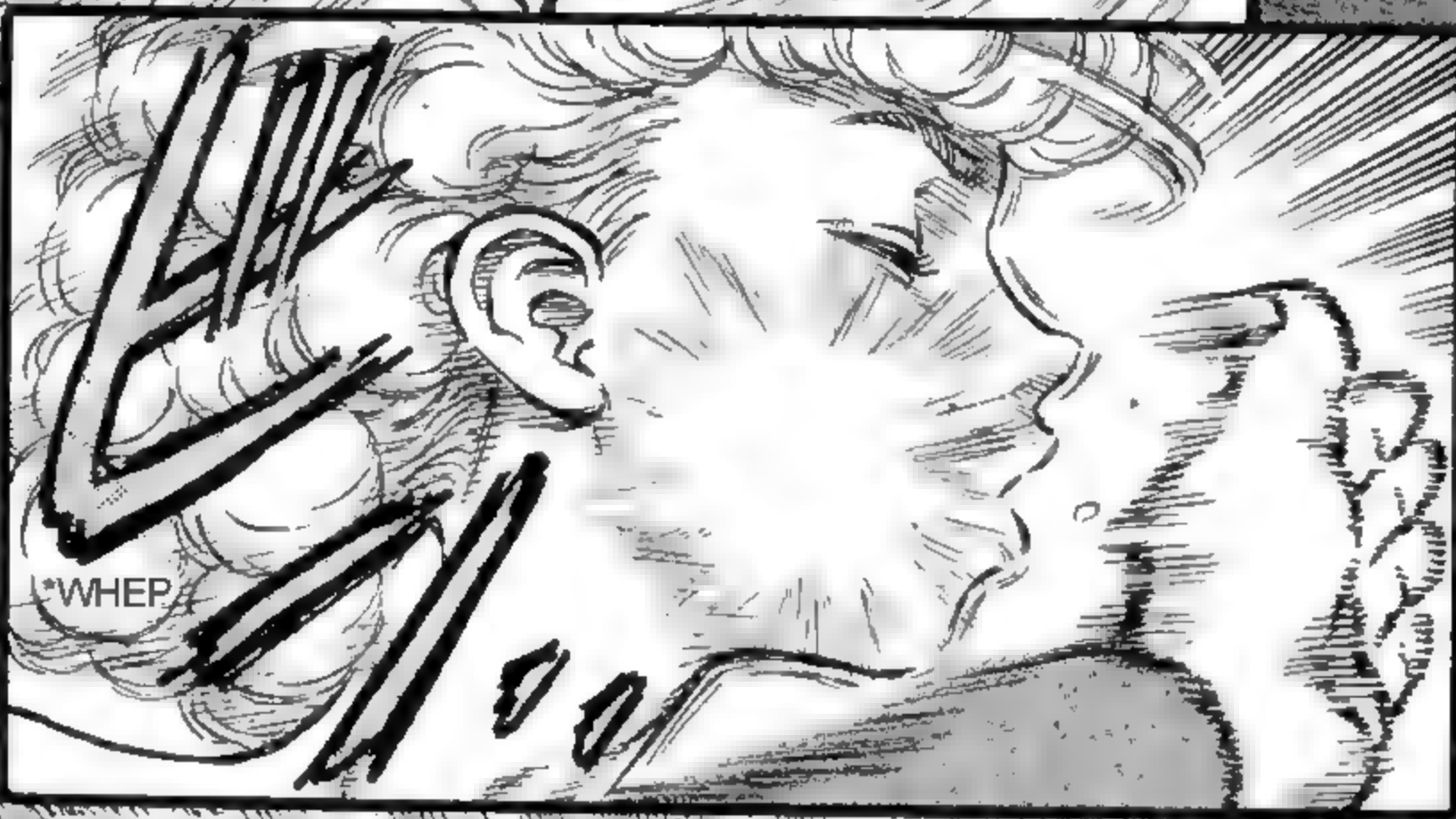


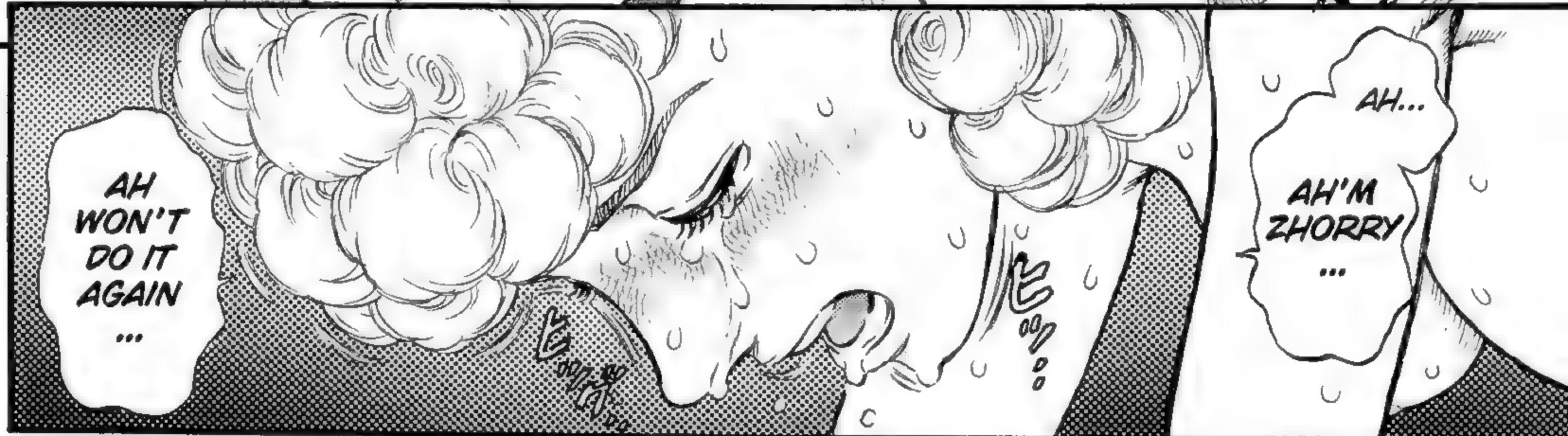
*FX: ZHA



THEY'LL
TEAR
YOU TO
PIECES.

I-IF I
CALL OUT
LOUD
ENOUGH,
MY
FRIENDS'LL
COME
BACK.



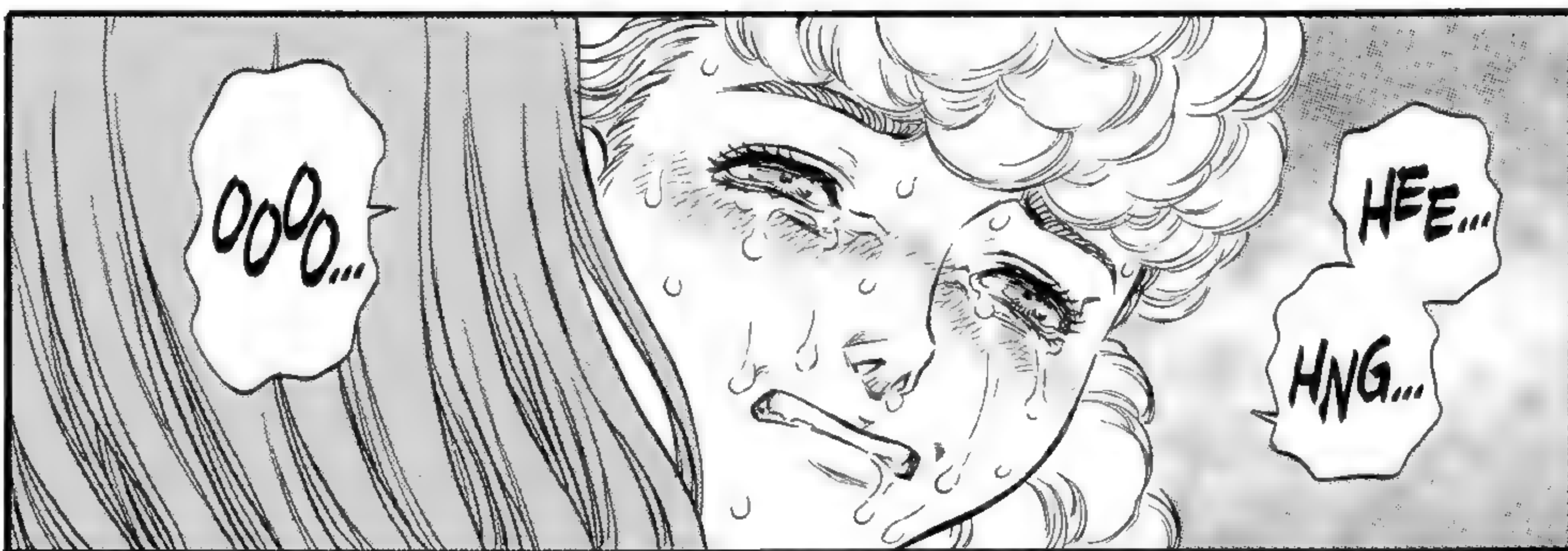
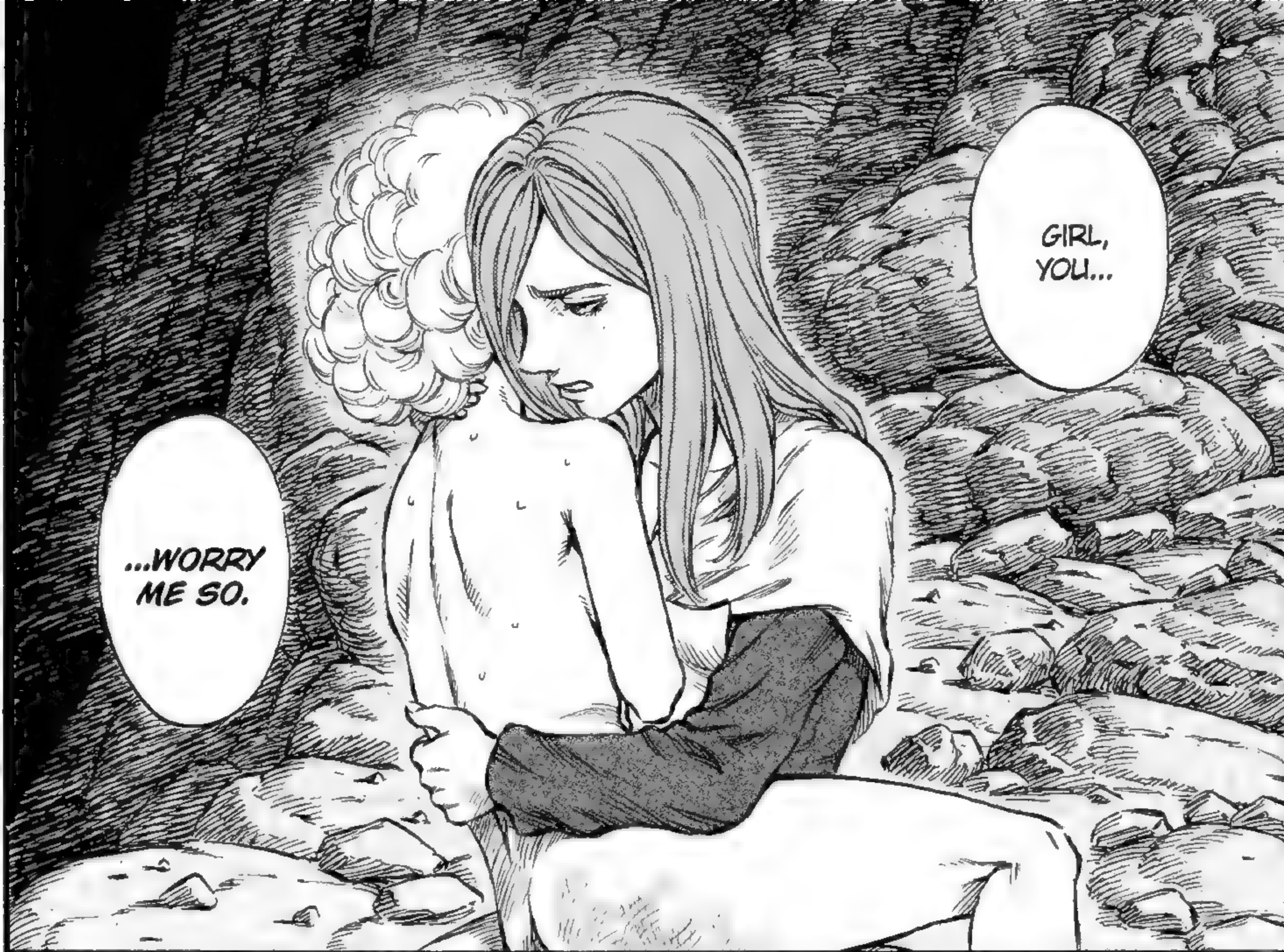


*FX: HII HIGG

*FX: FLINCH

*FX: PAT







*FX: SNFF

*FX: ("sound" of hiding)

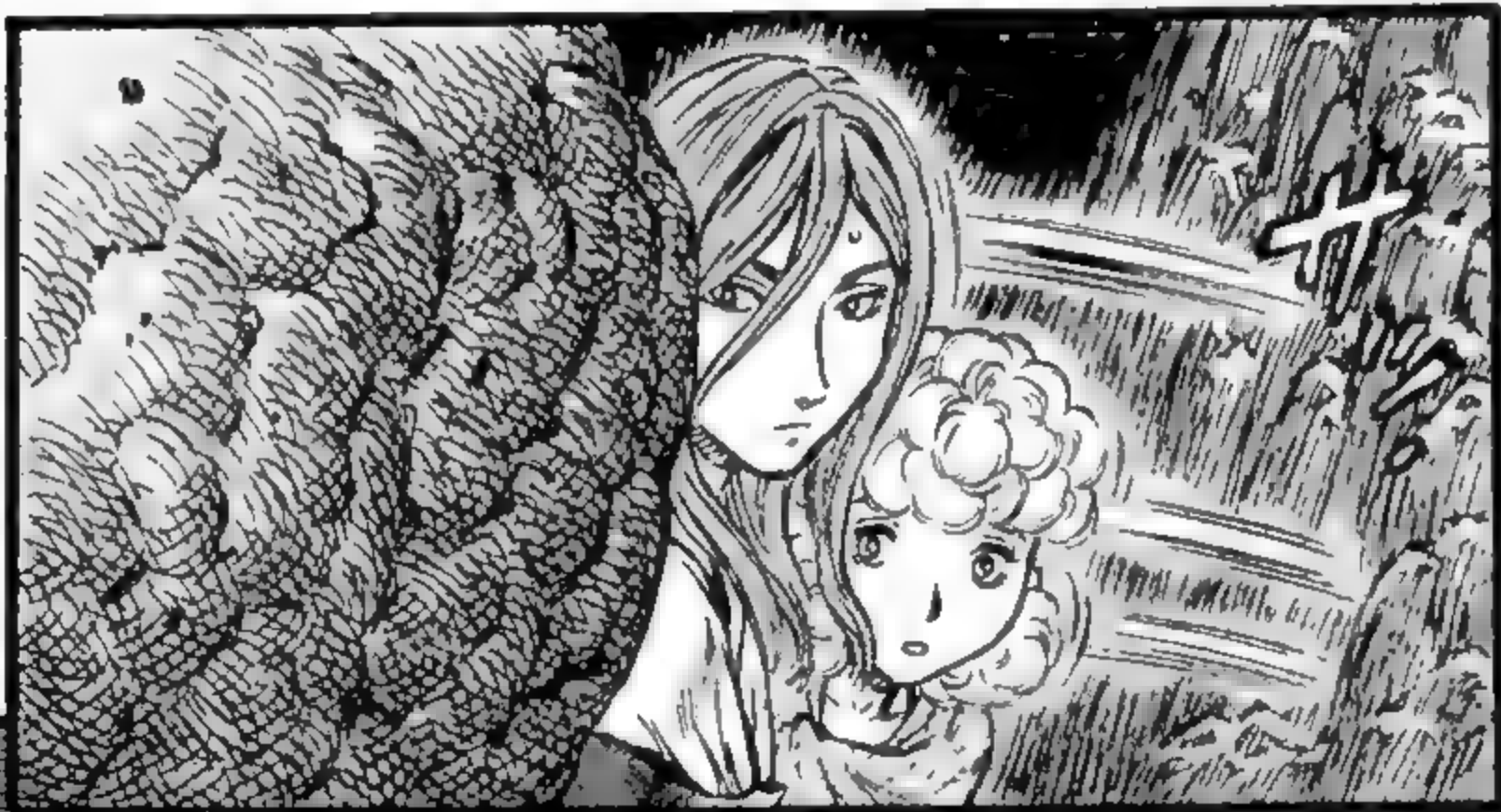
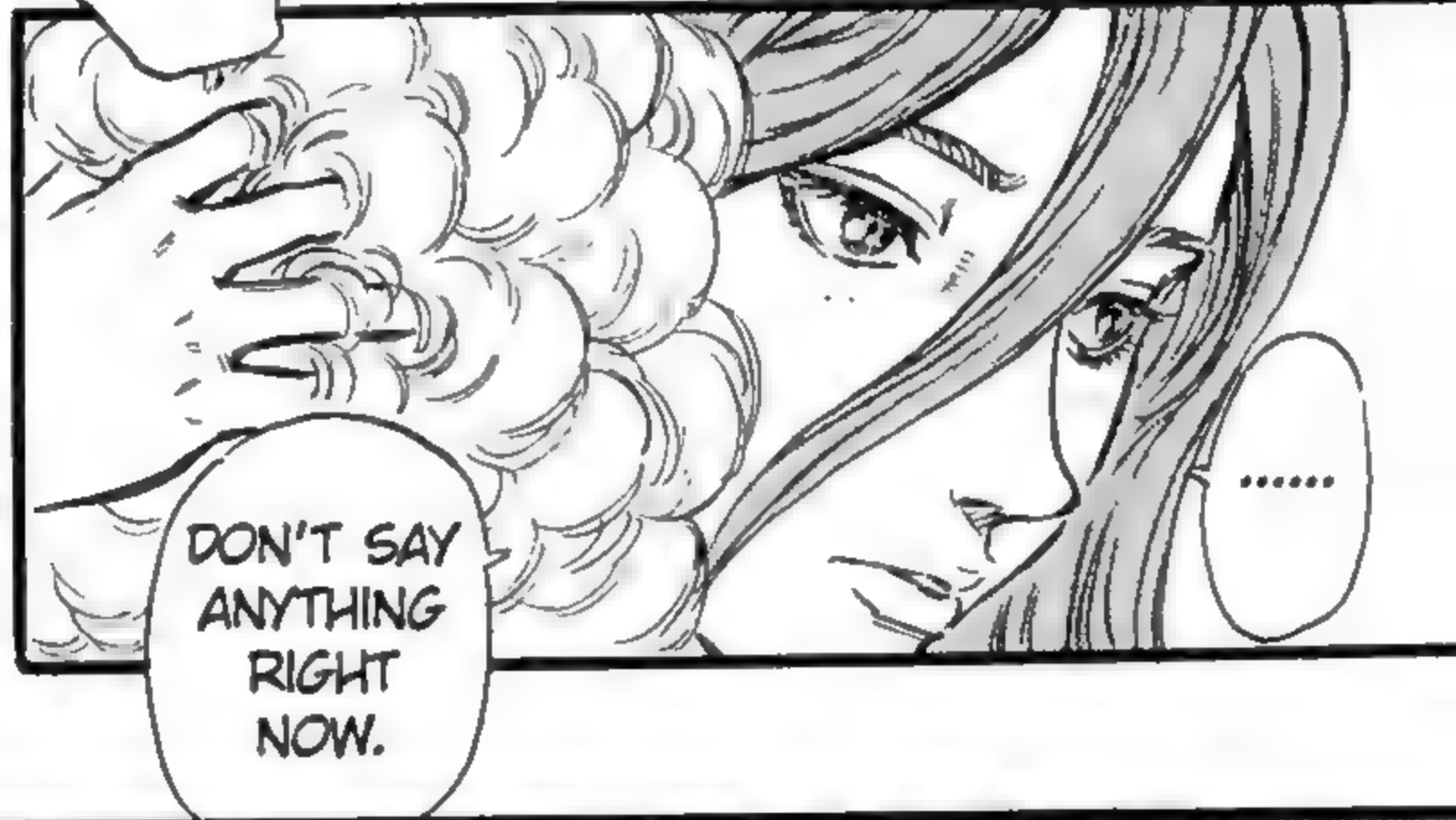


LUCA...

I...

I...

*FX: HF HF

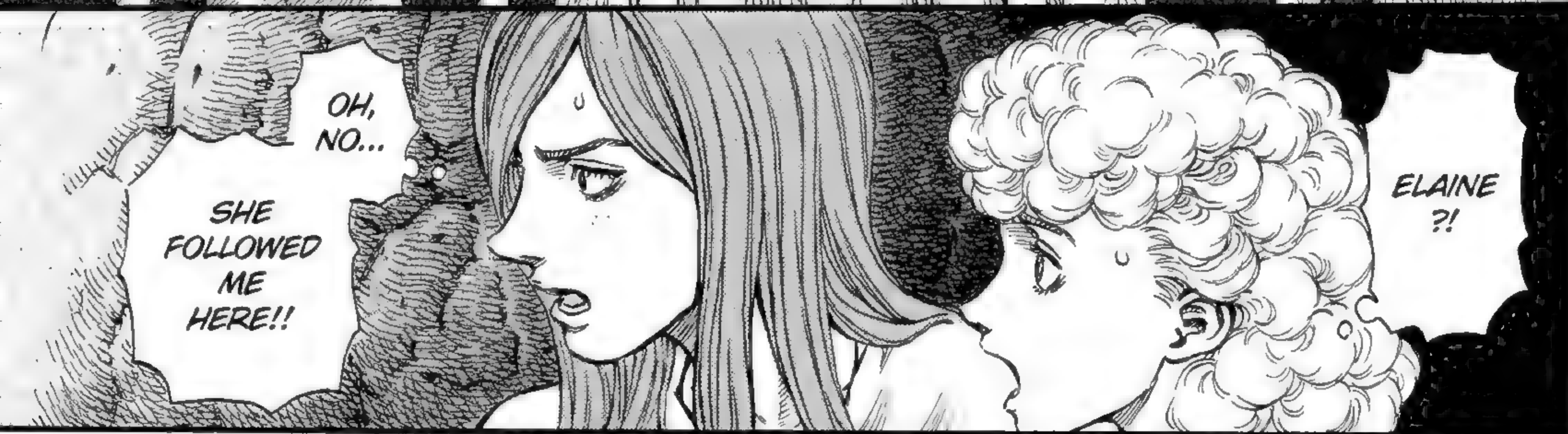


WHO'S THIS, THEN?





AVUUU!



OH,
NO...

SHE
FOLLOWED
ME
HERE!!

ELAINE
?!



WHAT'S
WITH
YOUR
FACE?

HNN?

BYE
W!



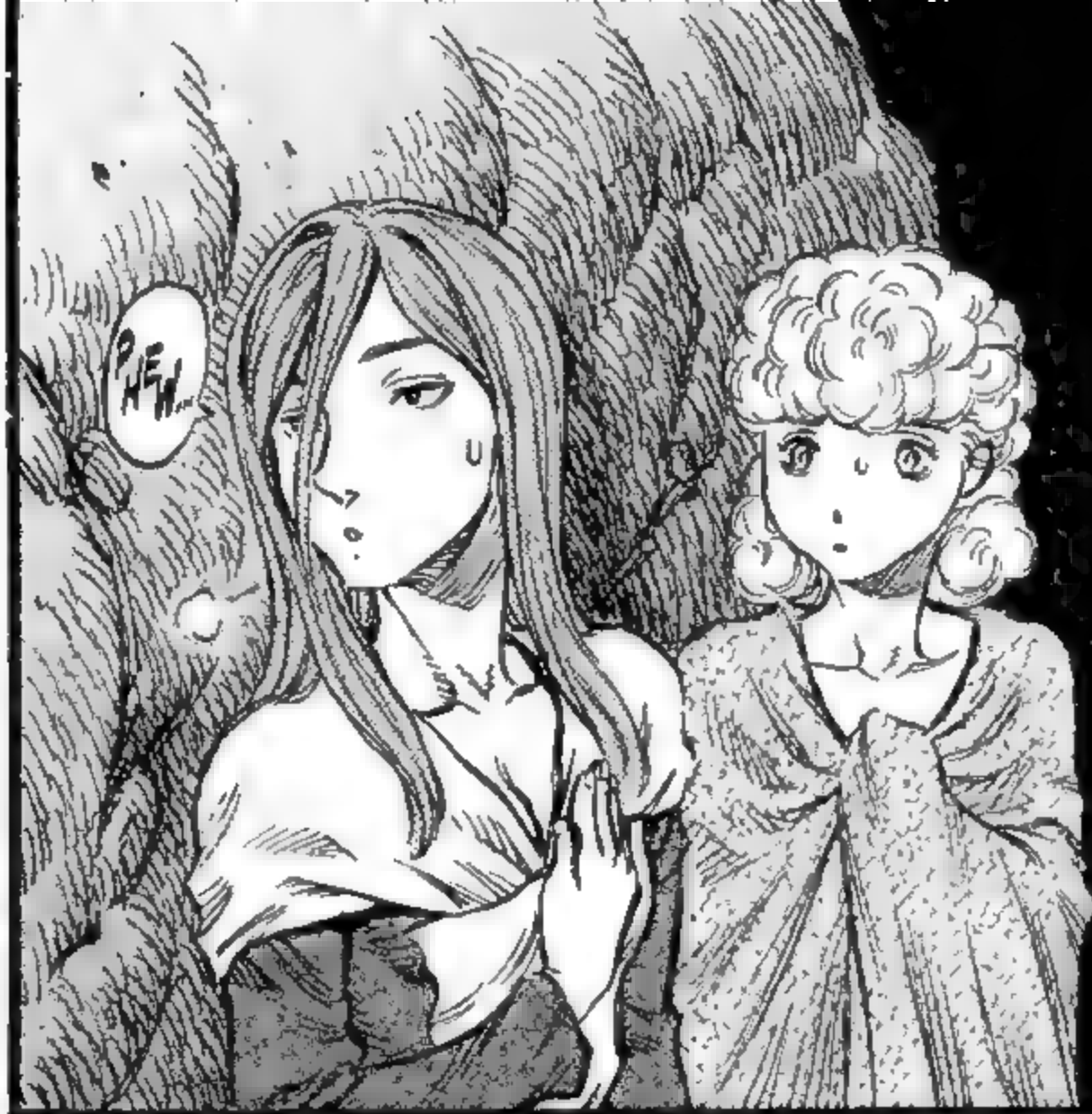
ISN'T SHE A WHORE
AT NINA'S PLACE?
SHE LOOKS LIKE THAT
'CAUSE OF SYPHILIS
OR SOMETHIN'.

AHH,
I KNOW
HER.

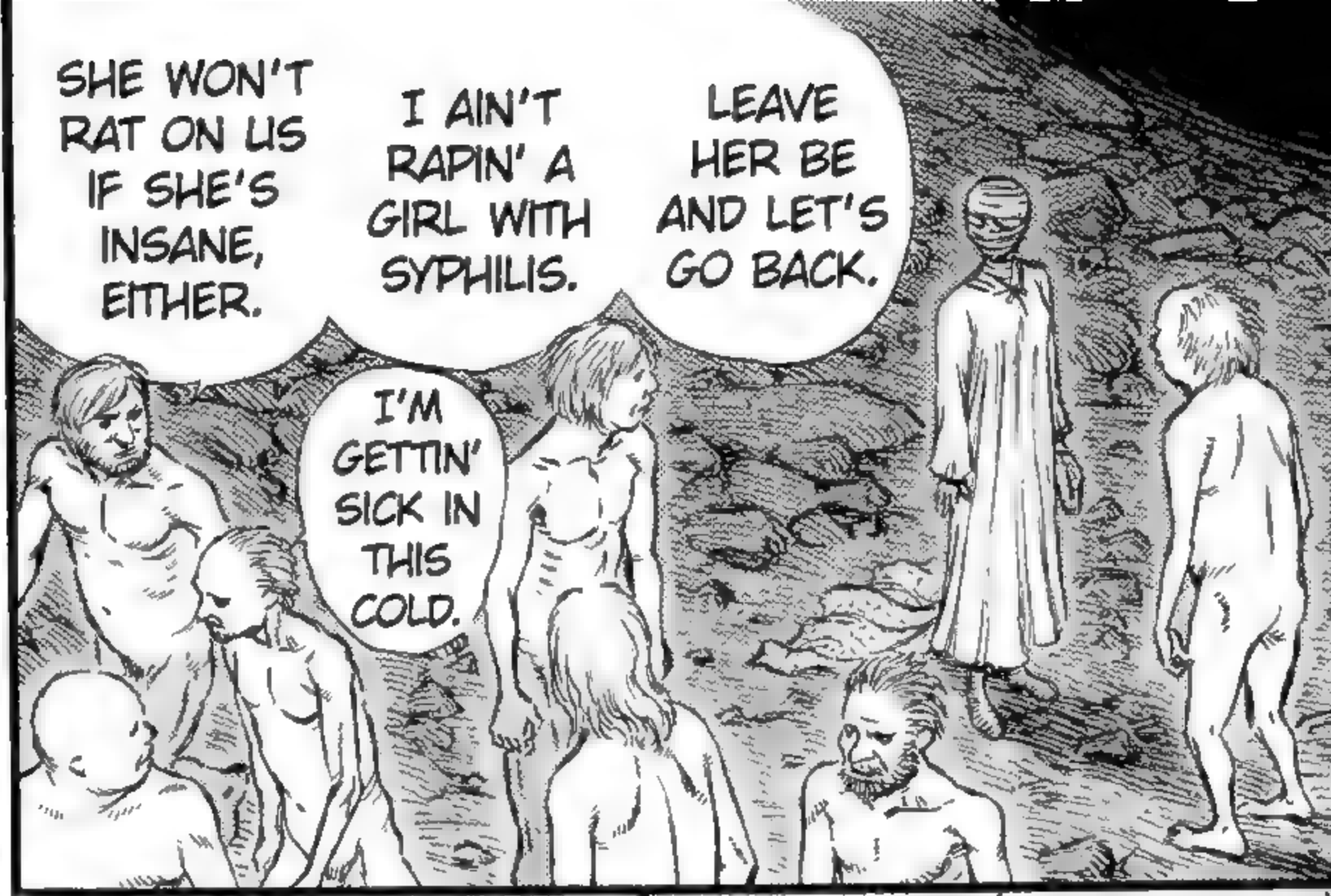
SEEMS
IT'S ON
HER FACE,
TOO.



WHAT,
YOU WANNA
CONVERT?



PHEW



SHE WON'T RAT ON US IF SHE'S INSANE, EITHER.

I AIN'T RAPIN' A GIRL WITH SYPHILIS.

LEAVE HER BE AND LET'S GO BACK.

I'M GETTIN' SICK IN THIS COLD.



...AT A FACE THAT'S ROTTIN' OFF!!

HI



I WANNA TAKE A LOOK...

*FX: PAT PAT

HEE HEE...

THIS COULD BE INTERESTIN'.



HEHEH... HEY, WAIT A MINUTE.

*FX: RRRIP



OH, HELL!



VWEE-E!

AWHA ...?

*FX: WHOAA



ほおお...

OH! LOOKY! LOOKY!

WHADDA WE HAVE HERE?



LET'S
FIND
OUT!!

WHAT'S
HER
BODY
LIKE?!

THUD

AH
HH!



THERE'S
NOTHIN'
ROTTEN
UNDER
THAT
MASK.

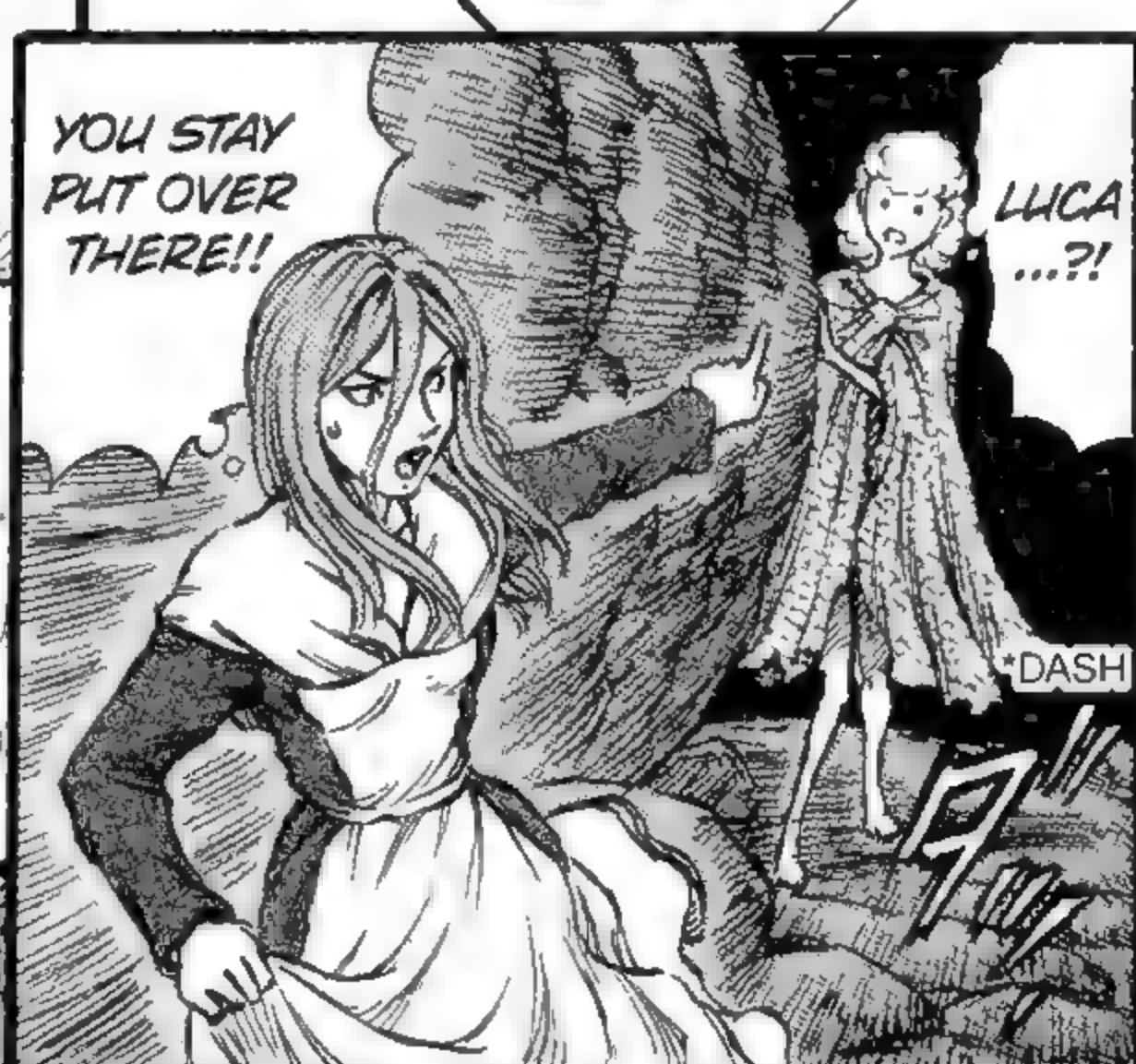
GRASP

G
G
G

HEHEH, NOW
THERE'S A
FACE THAT
COULD USE
SOME A'
ME IN IT.



SHRRIP



YOU STAY
PUT OVER
THERE!!

LUCA
...?!

DASH

A



HYAHABA! STRUGGLE,
STRUGGLE! IT'S MORE
FUN WHEN THEY'RE
LIVELY!!

AH HH!
GEEE!

A

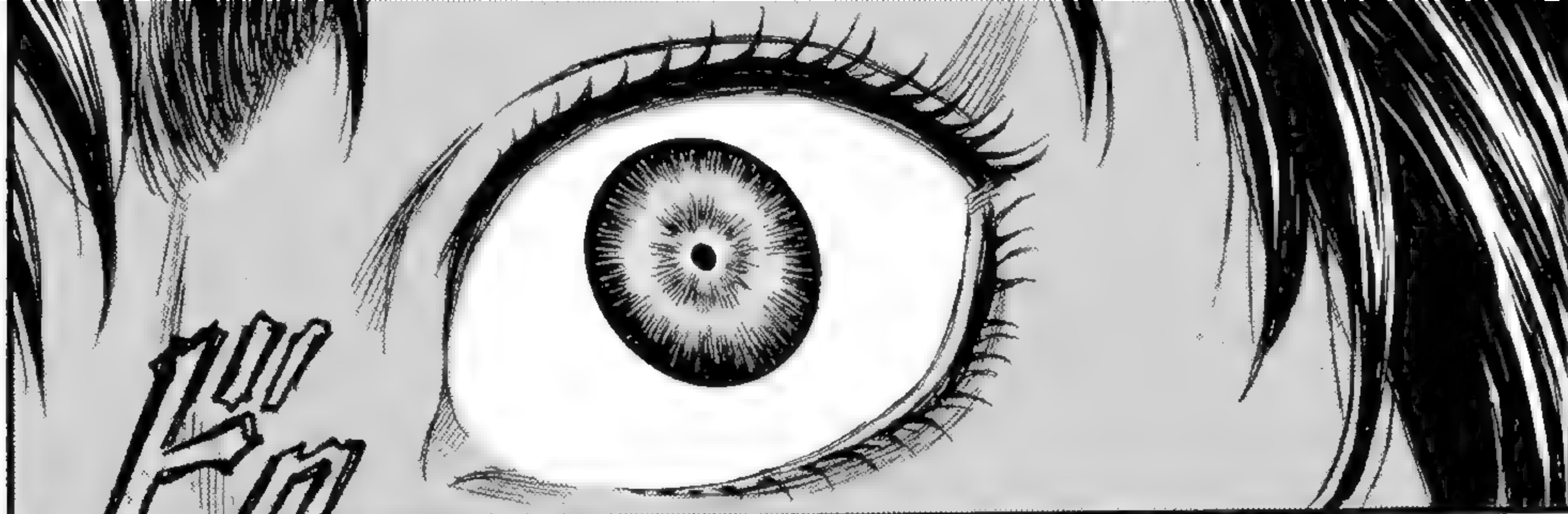
A

*FX: FLAIL FLAIL



A

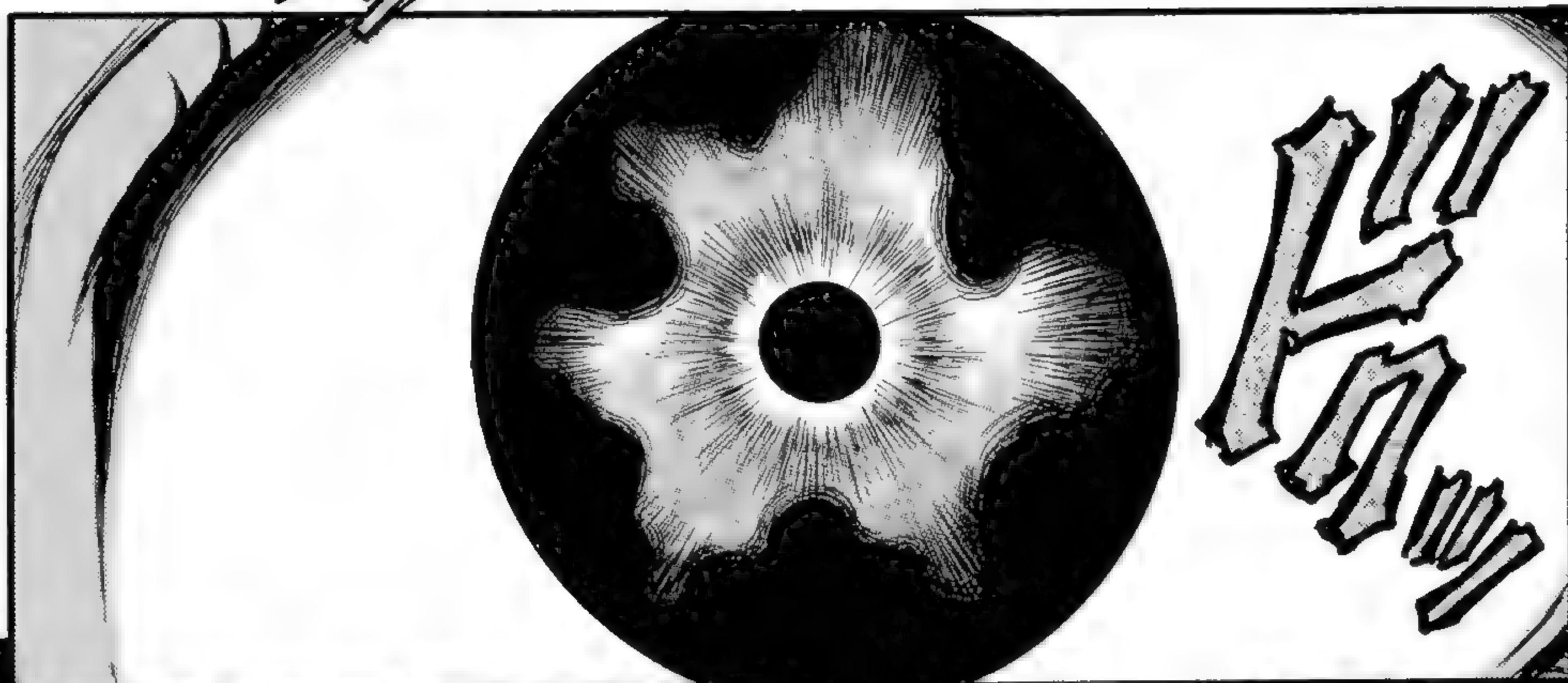
A



FX

*THDUMP

*FX: THDUMP



FX







WHAT'S
WITH
HER?!

OWA
HH!!

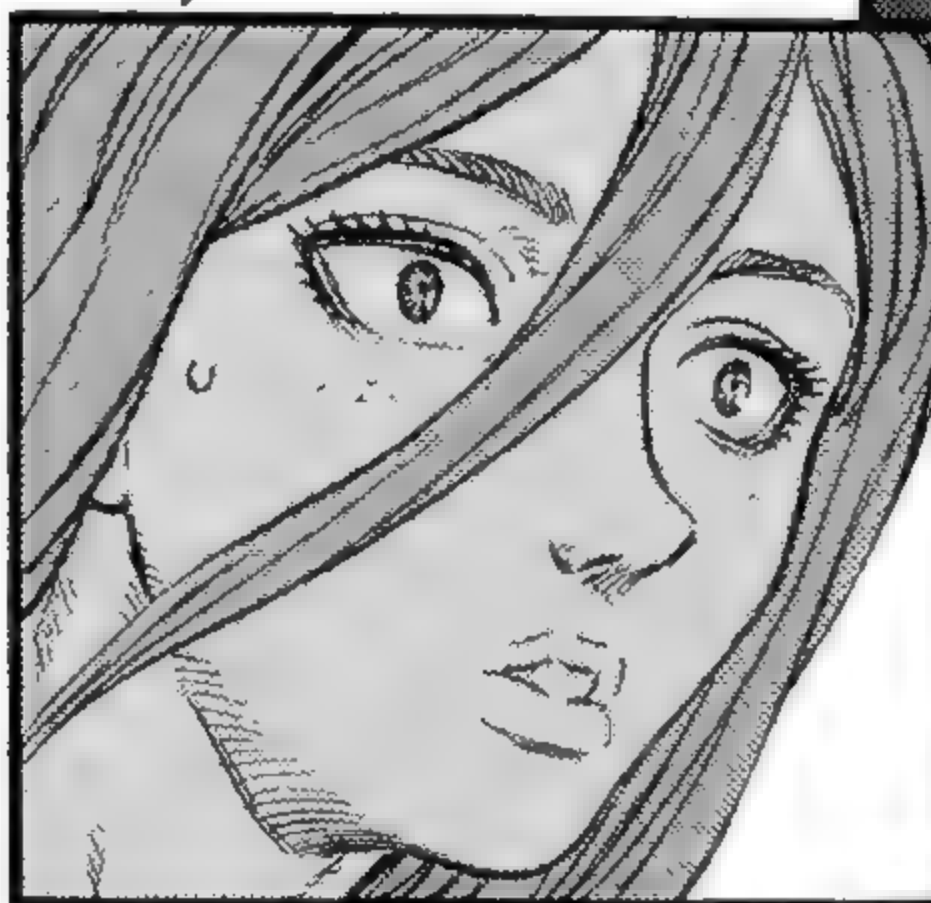
*FX: TWITCH ZHFFA TWITCH



WHAT
HAPPENS
HAPPENS.

HEY!

YOU
PEOPLE
...!!



UH...
?



*AHHHH

*PACHING





HEY,
WHAT'S
WRONG
?

H...

GRRGLE

*FX: CRU



SAY
WHAT
?

S...



*KRUP KRUP.

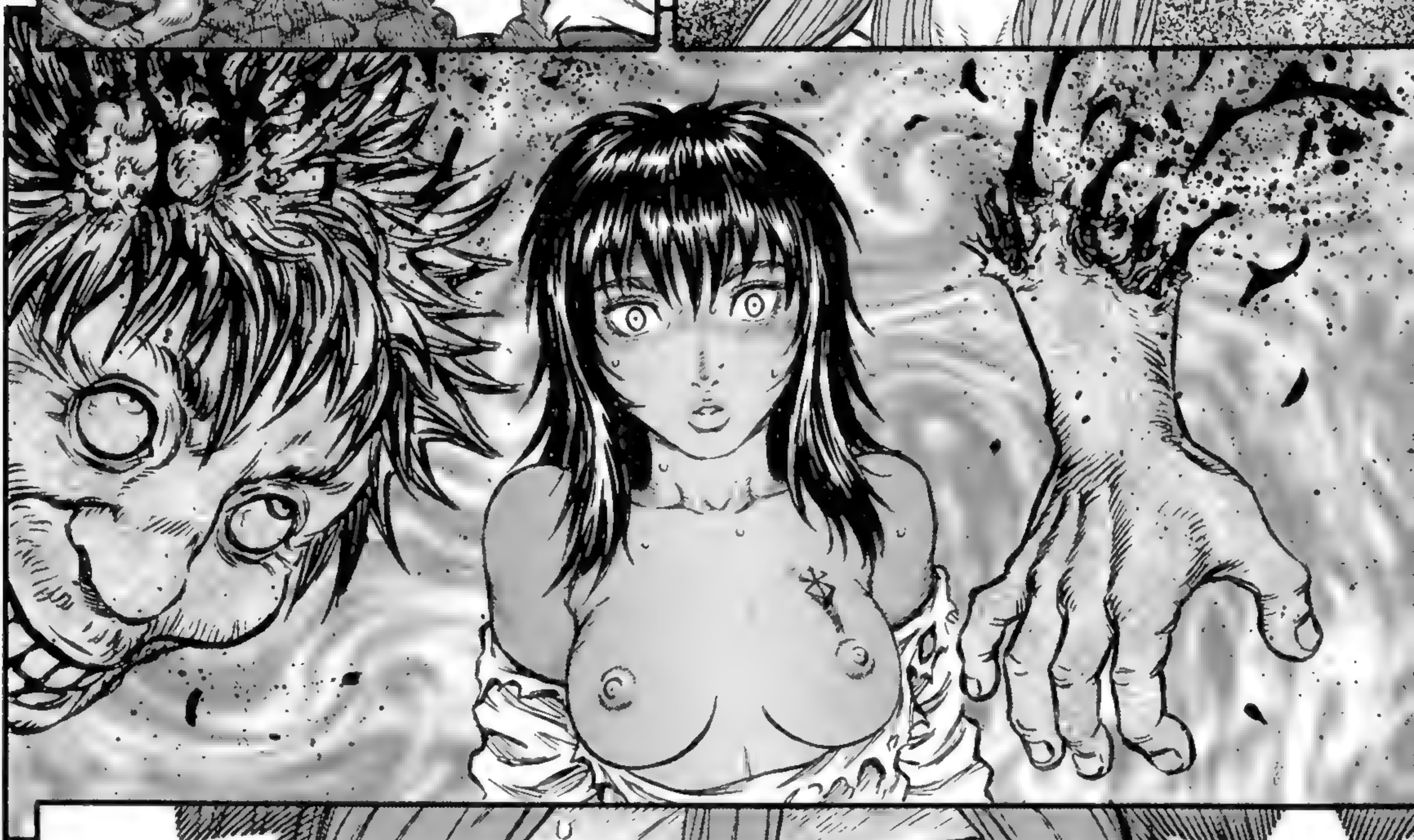
*UWAH





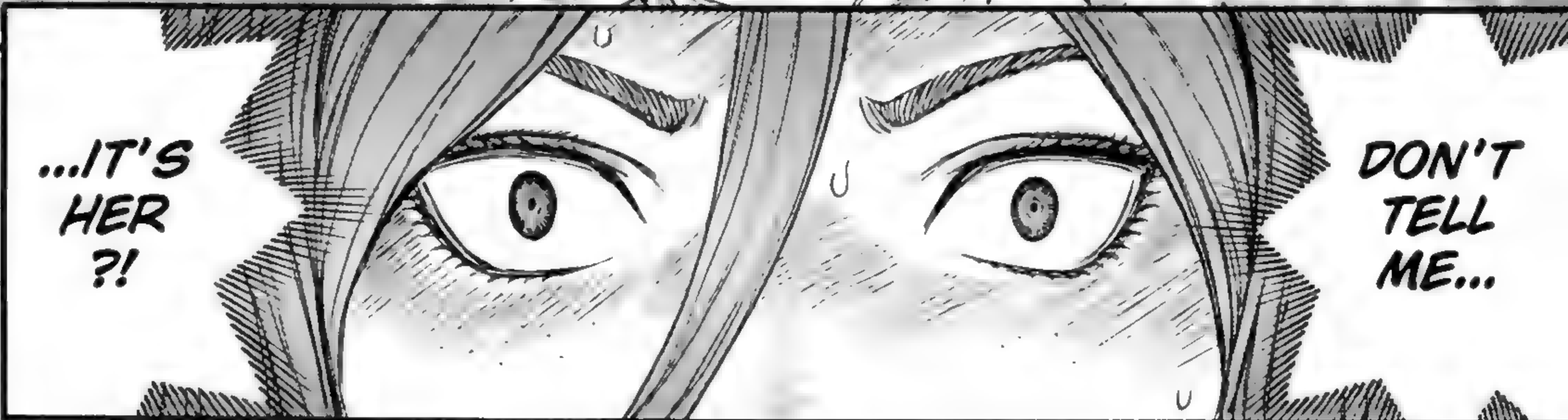
WHAT IS
THIS...?!

WHA...?!



...IT'S
HER
?!

DON'T
TELL
ME...



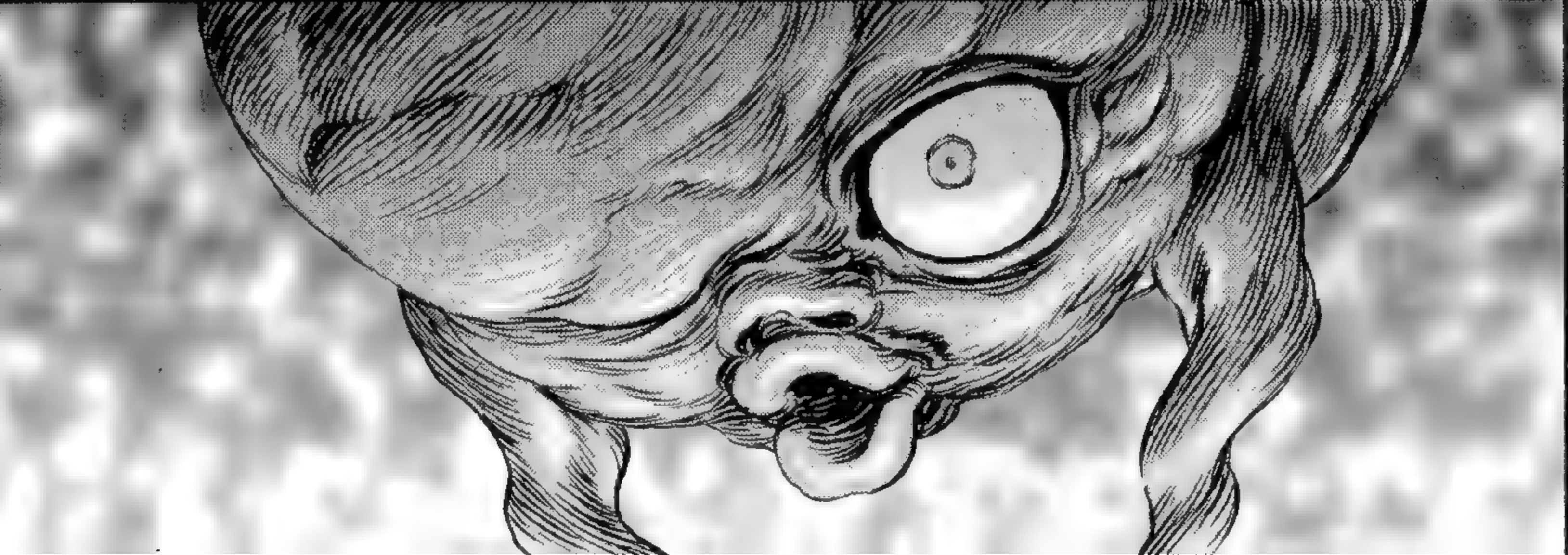
SACRI-
FICE.

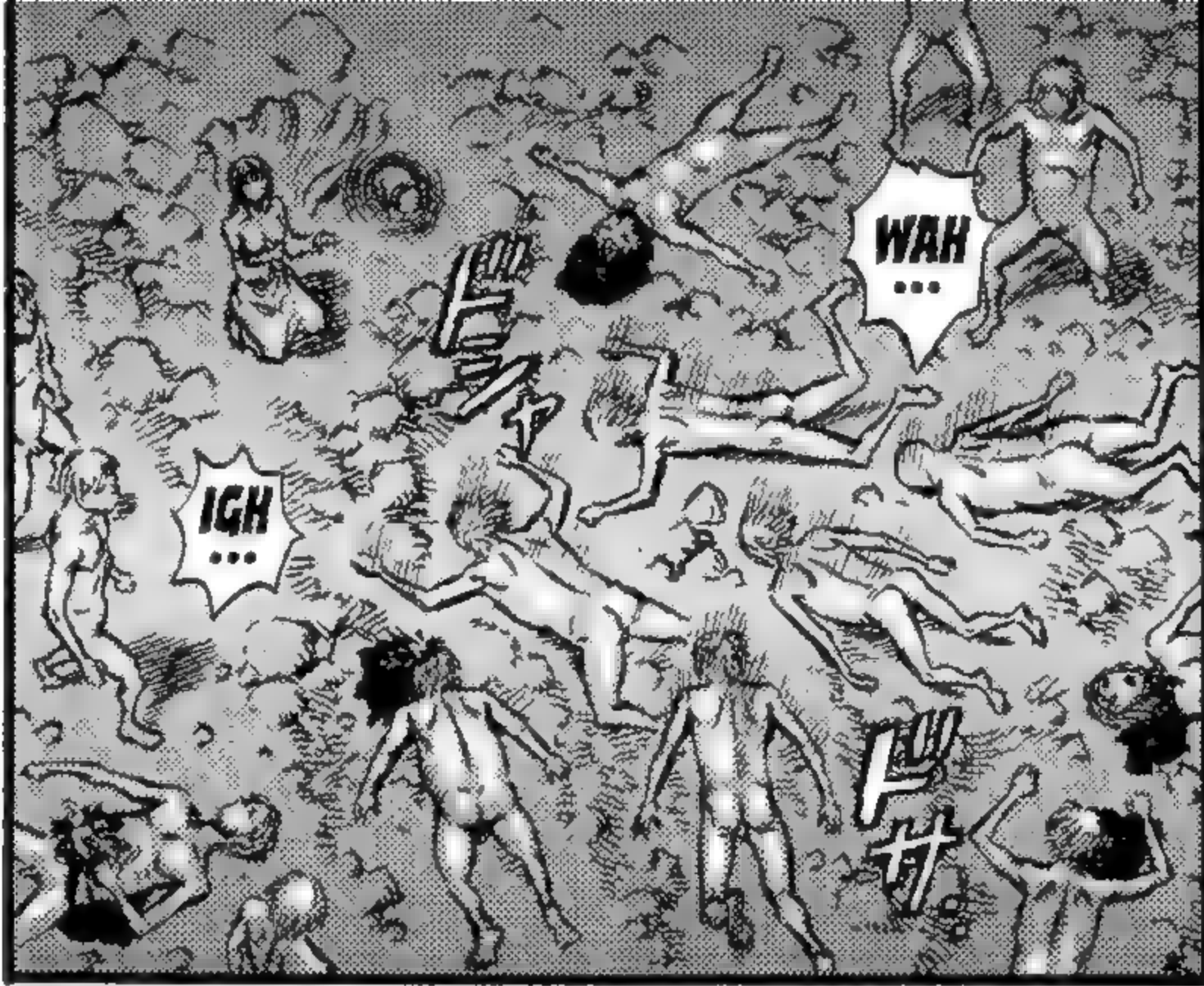
FLESH.
MEAT.

SACRI-
FICE...

WOMAN.







*FX: DOSH

*FX: THUD



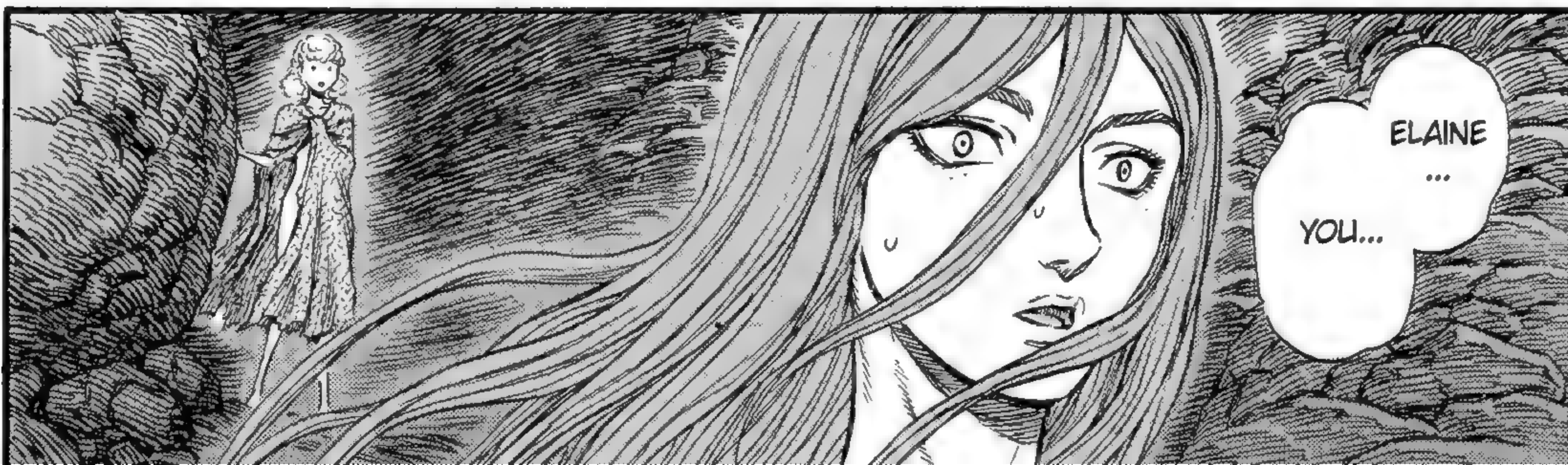
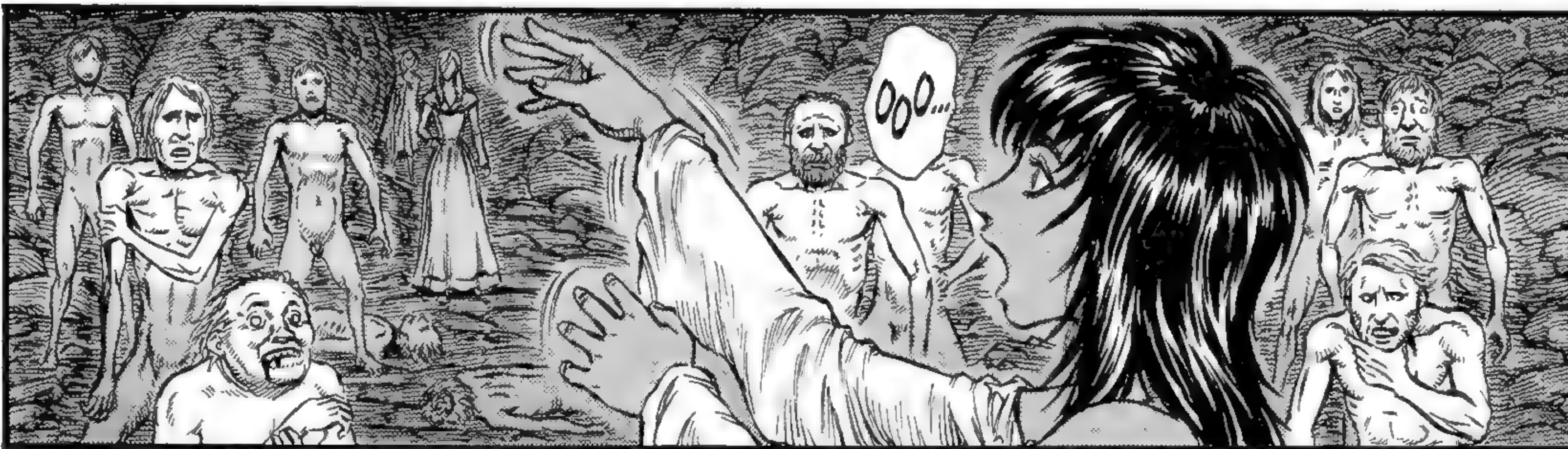
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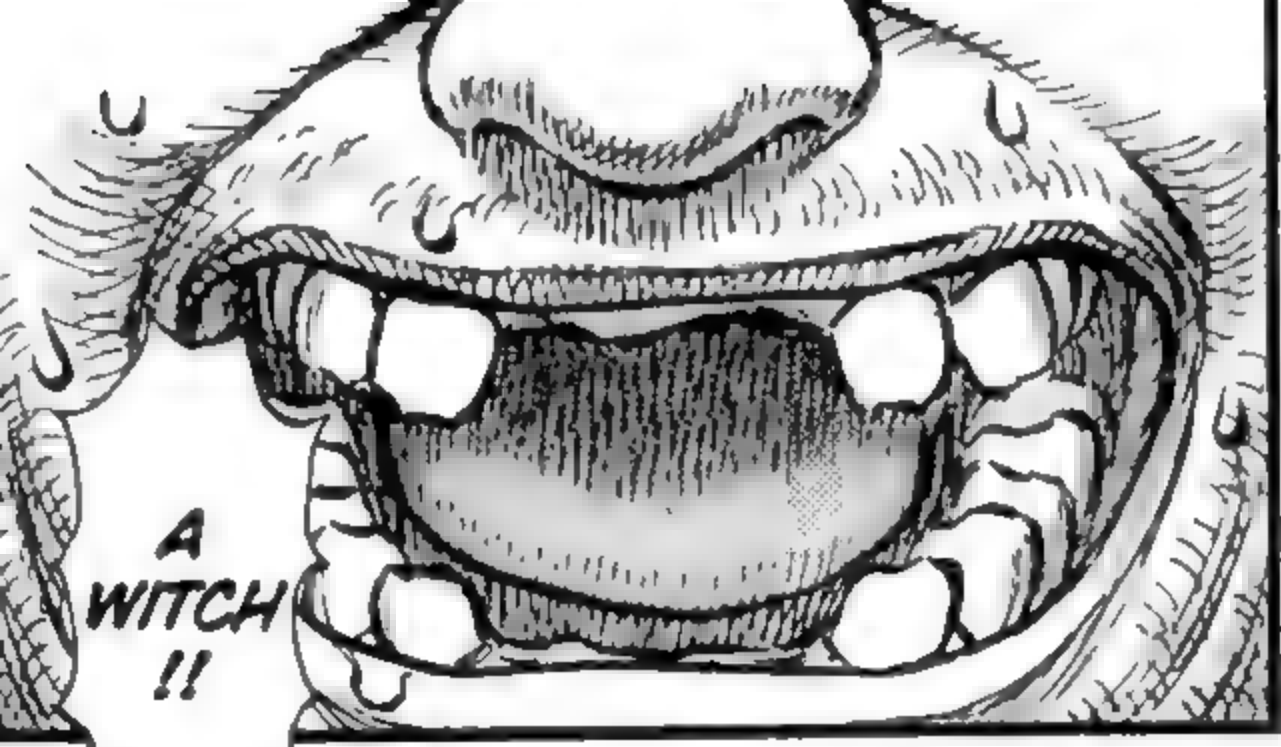
*FX: NNN



*FX: MGA

*FX: ZMM





A
WITCH
!!



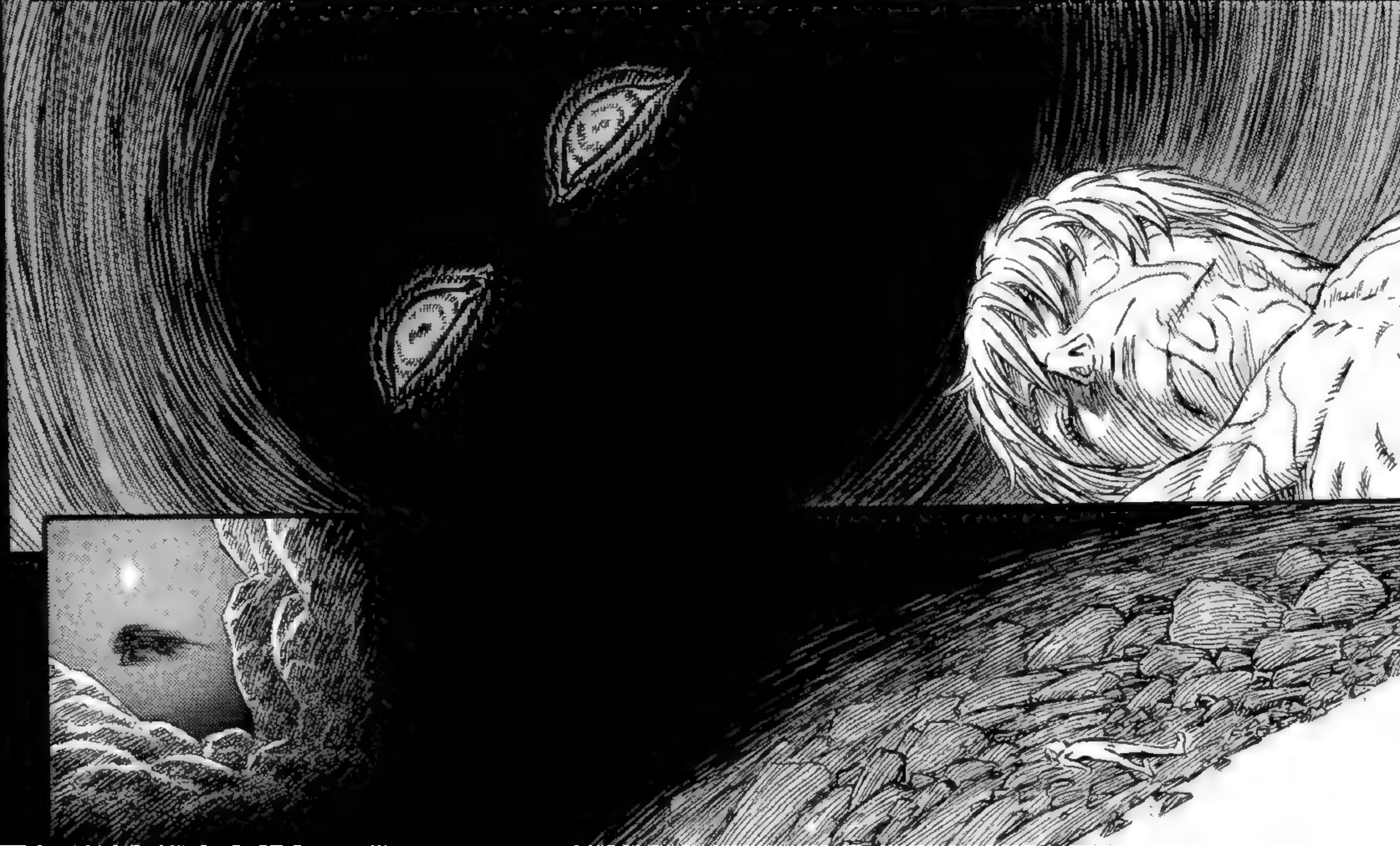
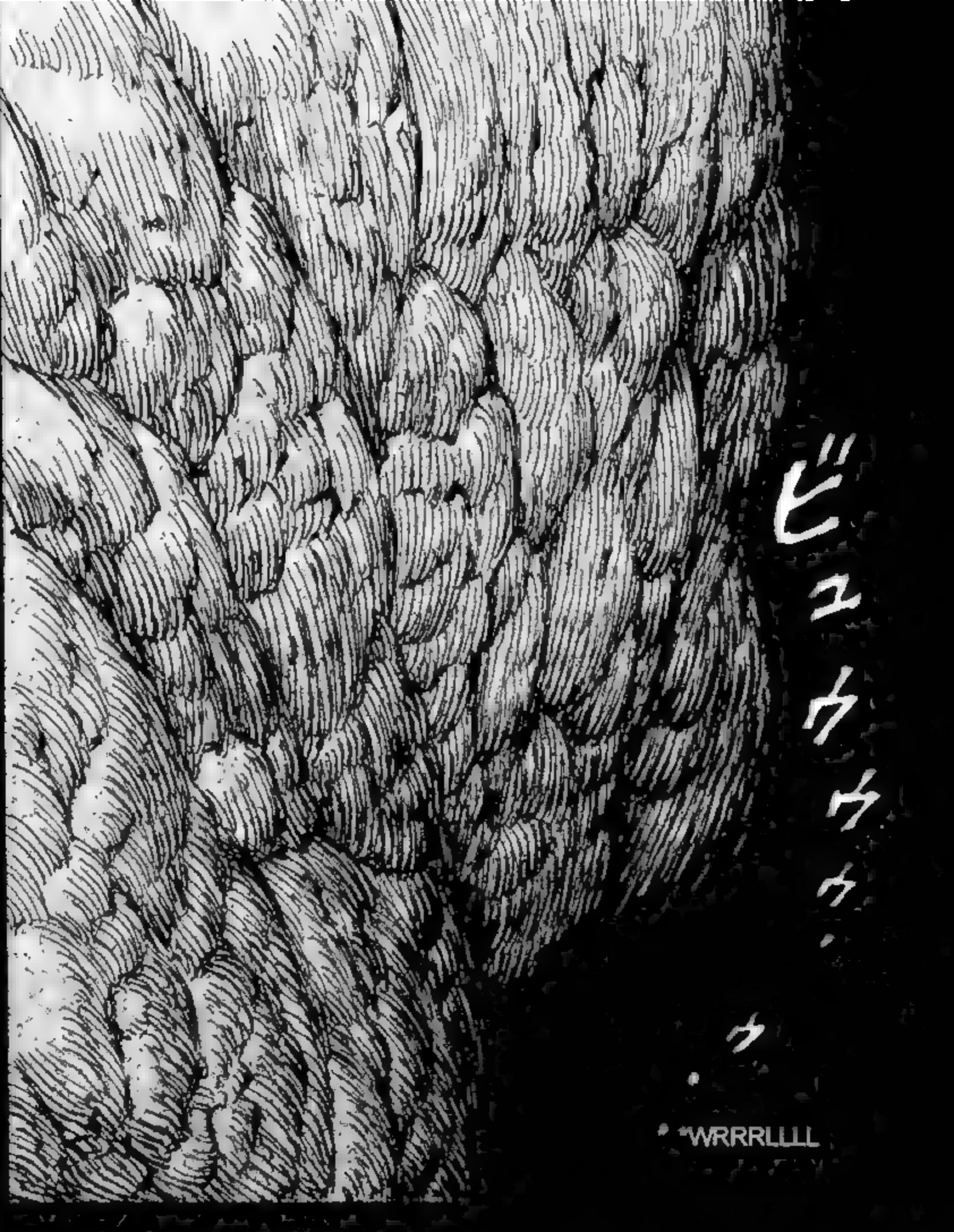
WITCH
...



*BOW



V
W
E
E
...





...FOUND HIM.

F...

*FX: HEHHH HAHHH HEHHH HAHHH



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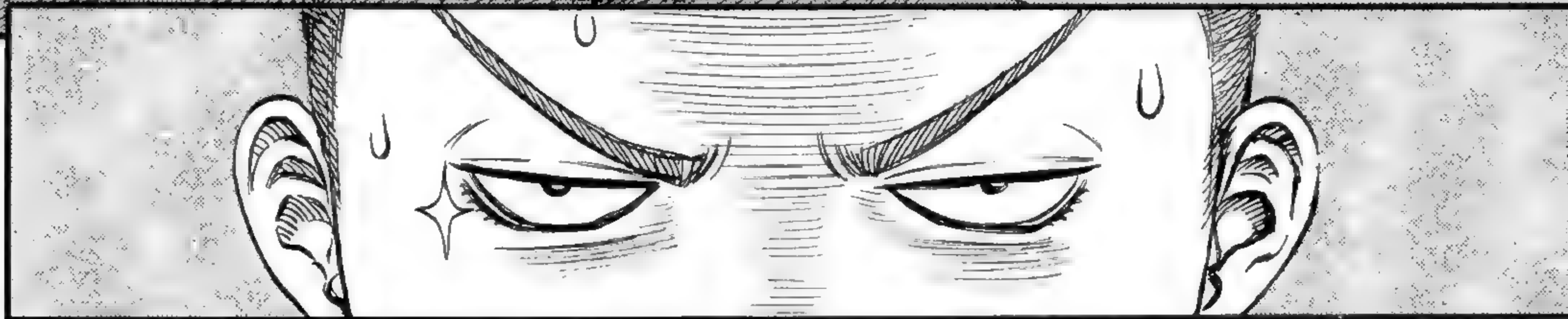
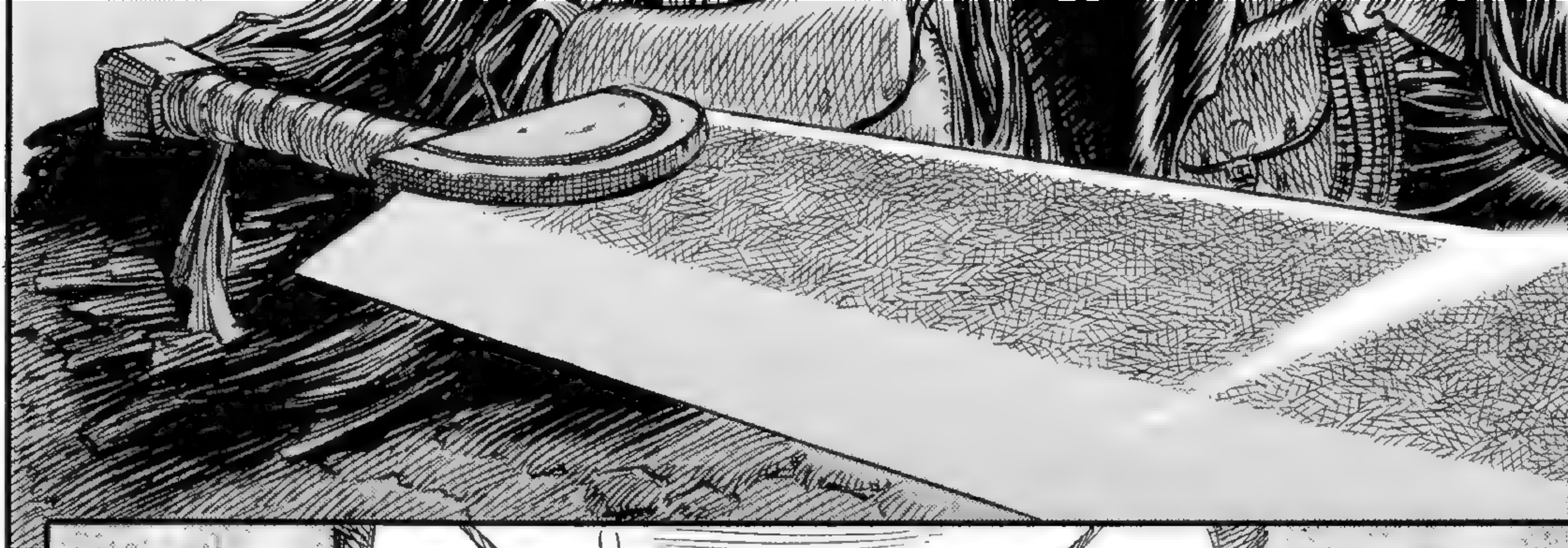
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怪道①



IF I HADN'T BEEN LUCKY ENOUGH TO HITCH A RIDE WITH THOSE REFUGEES, I WOULD'VE LOST SIGHT OF HIM.

HE'S BEEN RUNNIN' A WHOLE DAMN DAY AND A HALF, SINCE NOON YESTERDAY!

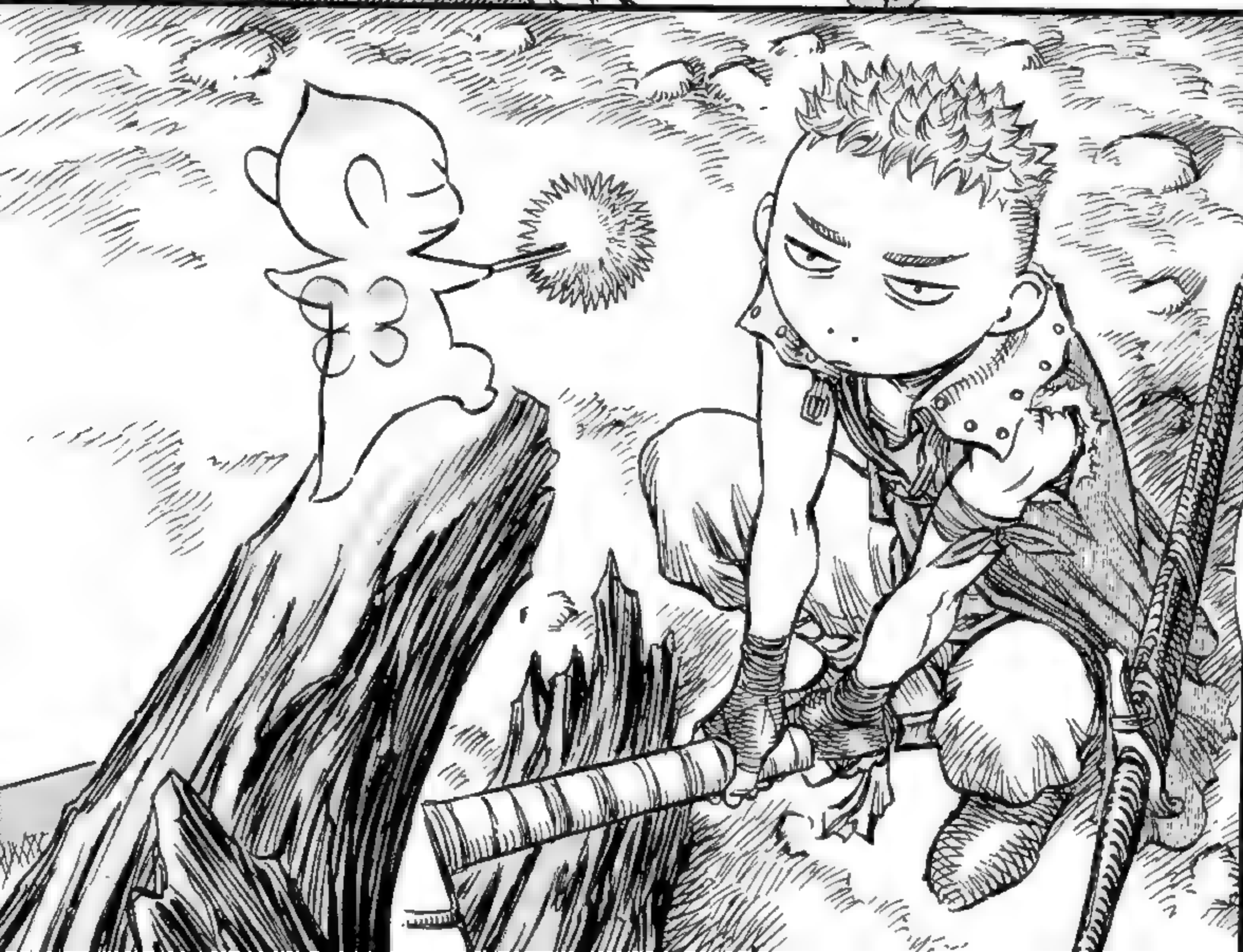


*FX: SHMP



*FX: GRASP







THIS IS
THE DARK
BLADE OF
OBLITERATION!

*FX: HIYAH

THEN
PUT
EVERY-
THING INTO
THE FIRST
SWING,
LETTIN'
LOOSE
WITH A
SHOUT!

LIKE...

...THIS!



USE
YOUR
HIPS.

SEE?

*STRAIN

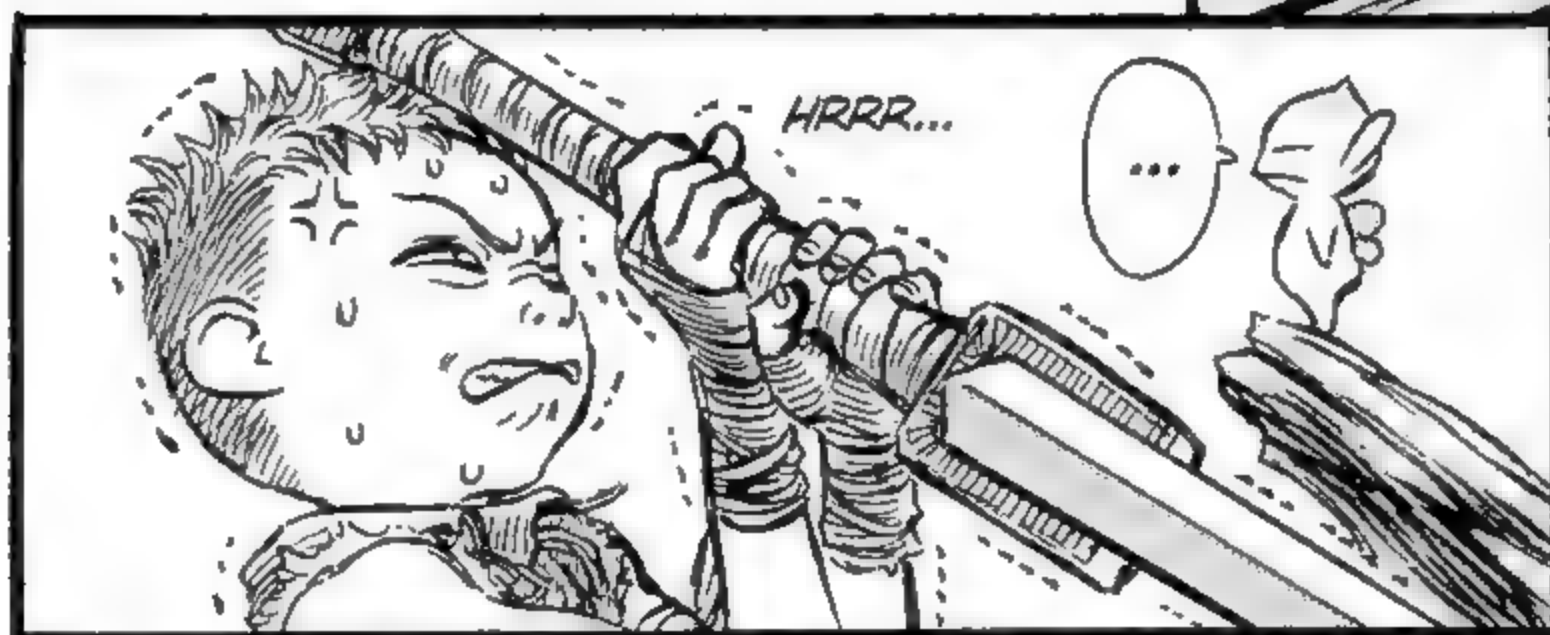


I'M PUCK!
SEVENTH
DEGREE IN ELF
DIMENSION
STYLE.

I
DIDN'T
ASK
YOURS.

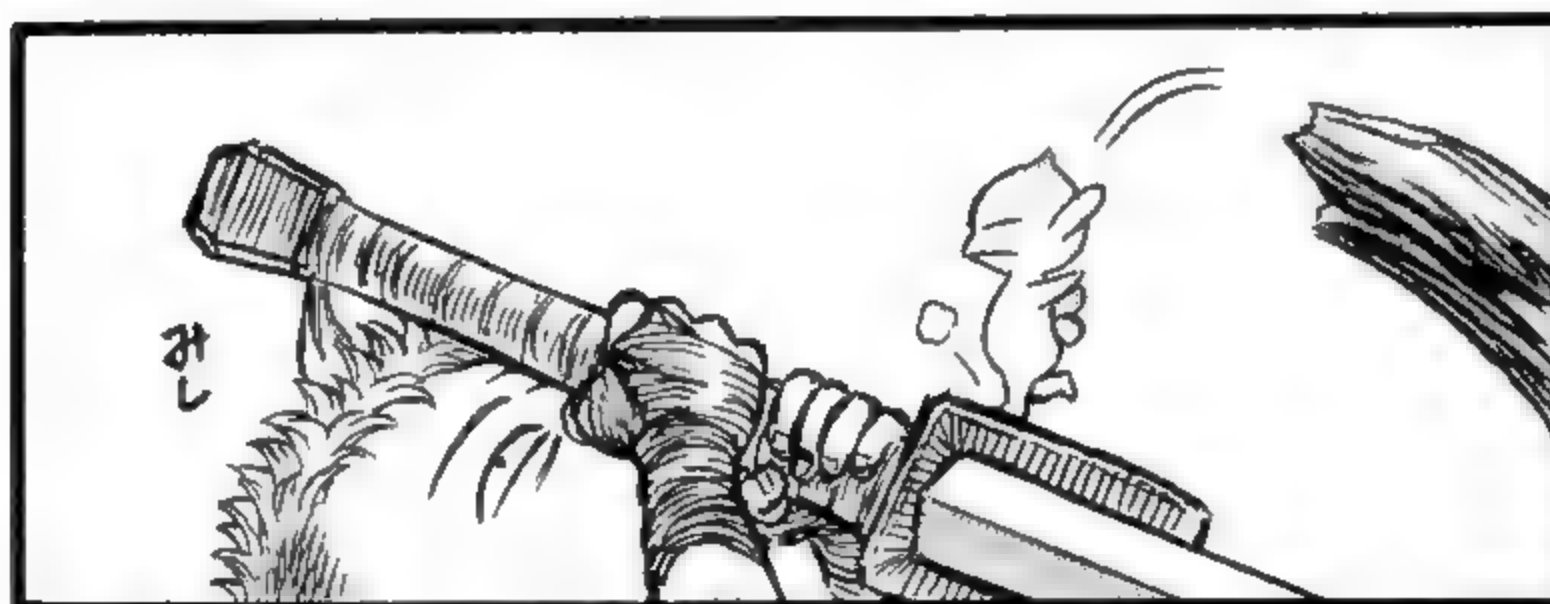
I-
ISIDRO
...

WHEN YOU
REQUEST A
PERSON'S NAME,
IT'S GOOD TO
GIVE YOUR OWN
FIRST.

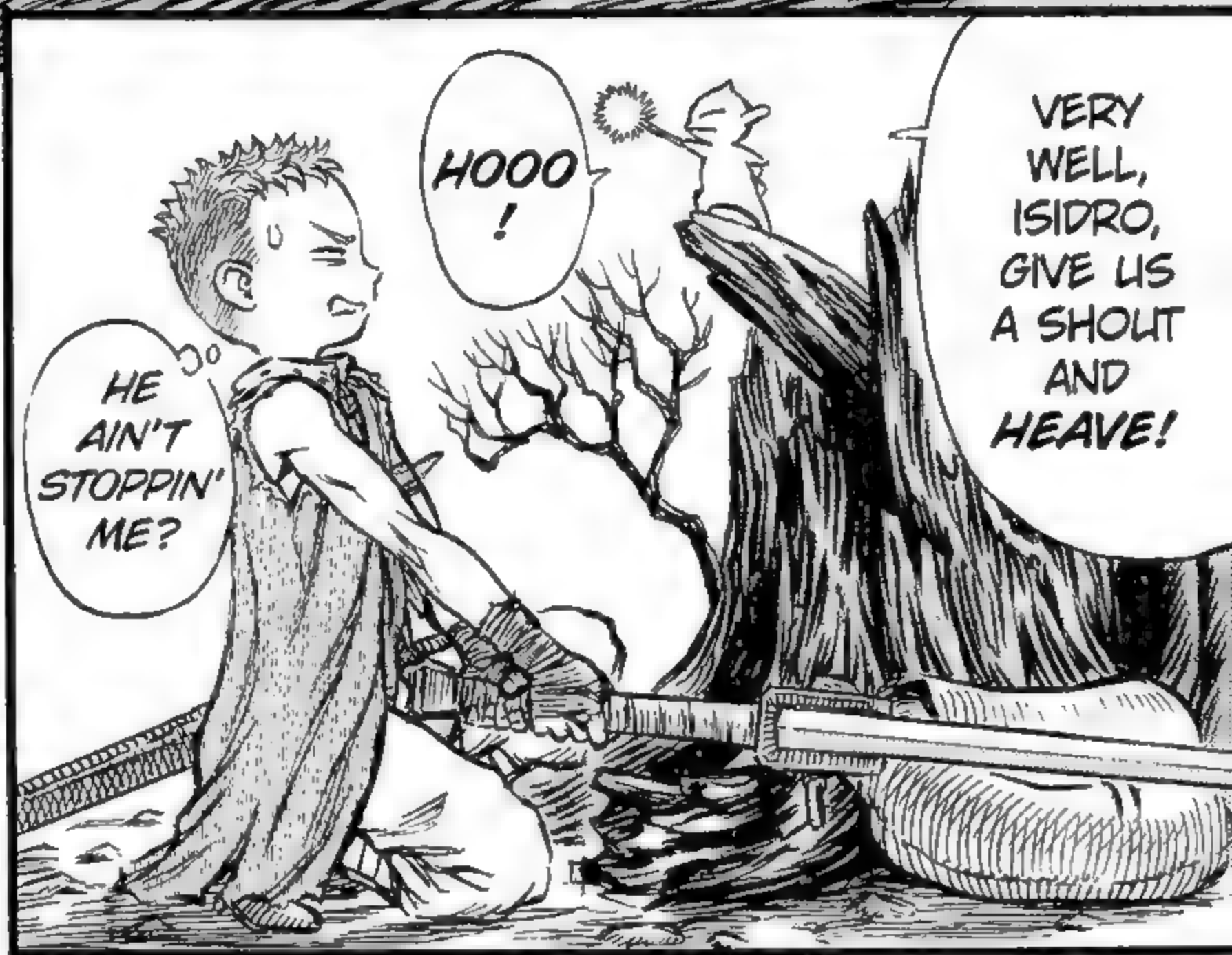


HRRR...

...



*FX: SMOOSH

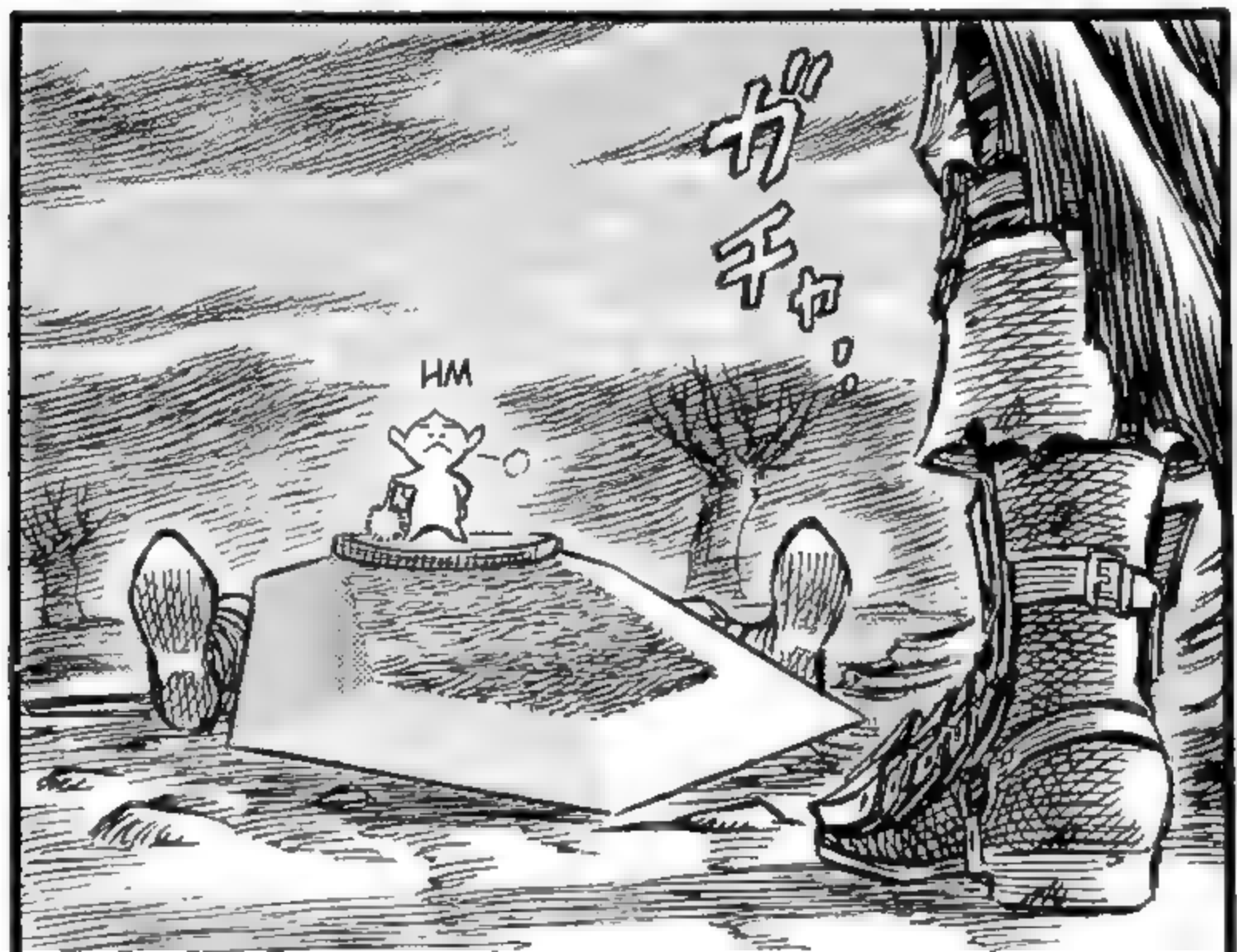


HOOO!

HE
AIN'T
STOPPIN'
ME?

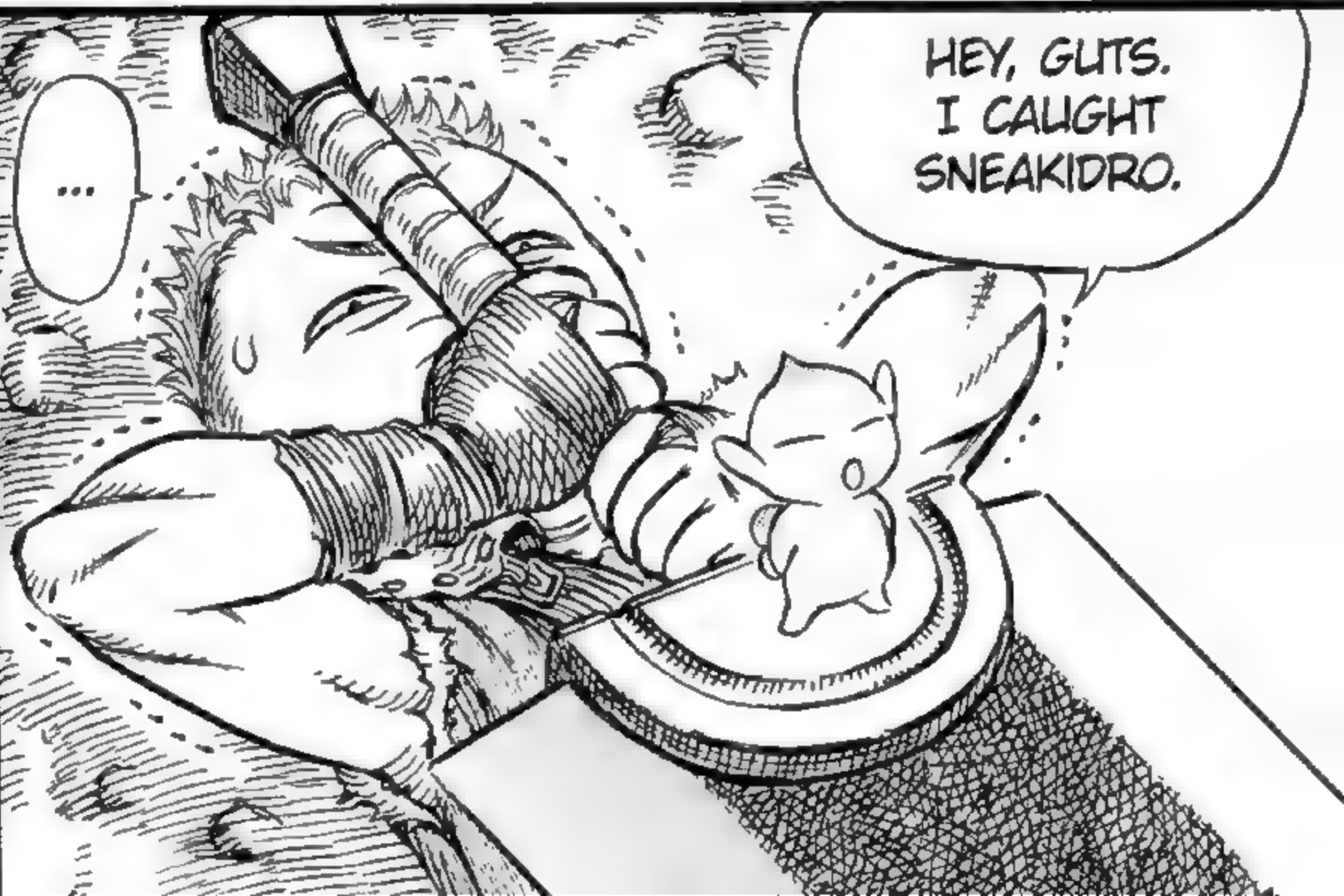
VERY
WELL,
ISIDRO,
GIVE US
A SHOUT
AND
HEAVE!

*FX: GCHAK



HM

ガ
チャ



HEY, GLTS.
I CAUGHT
SNEAKIDRO.

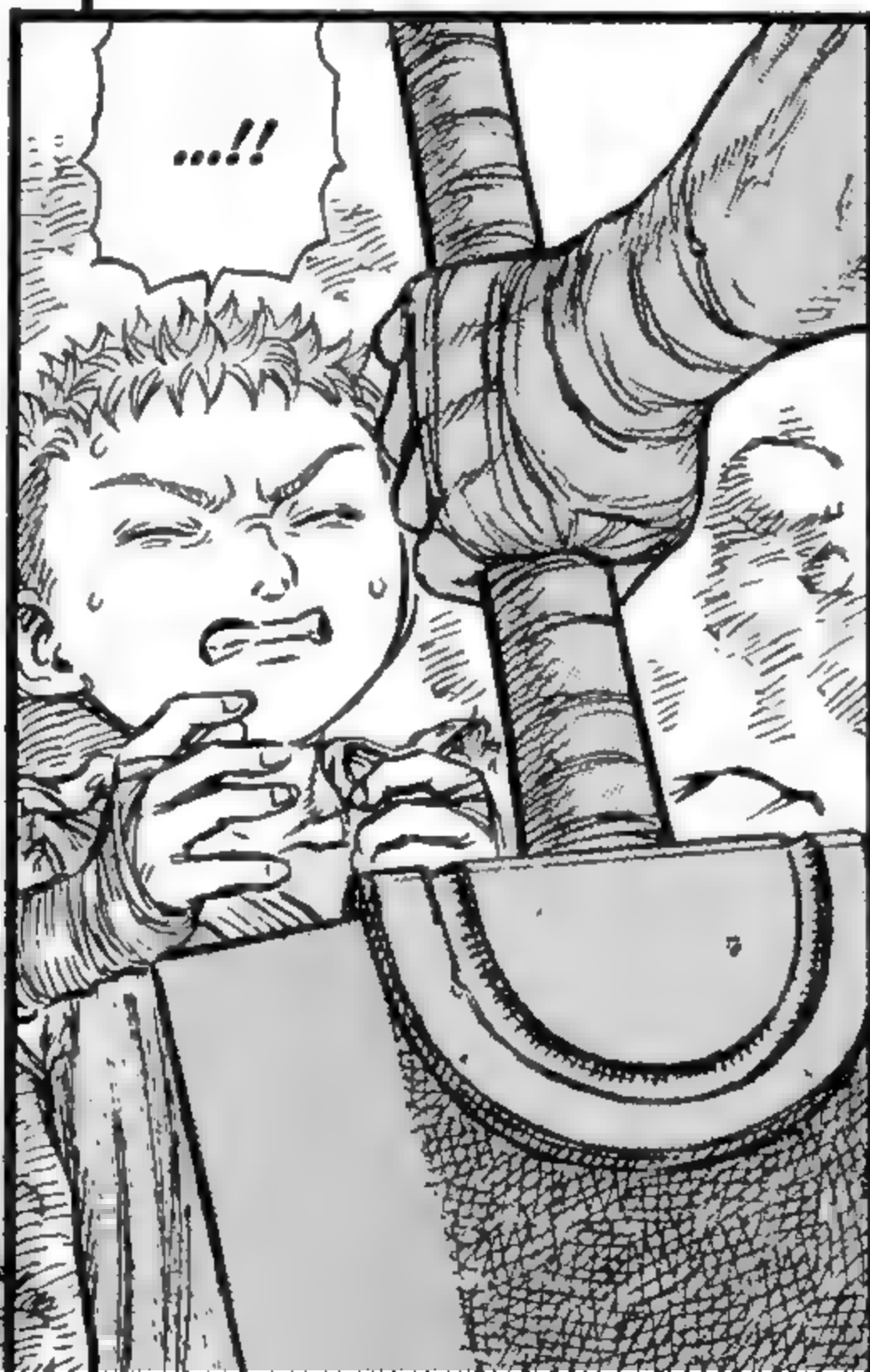
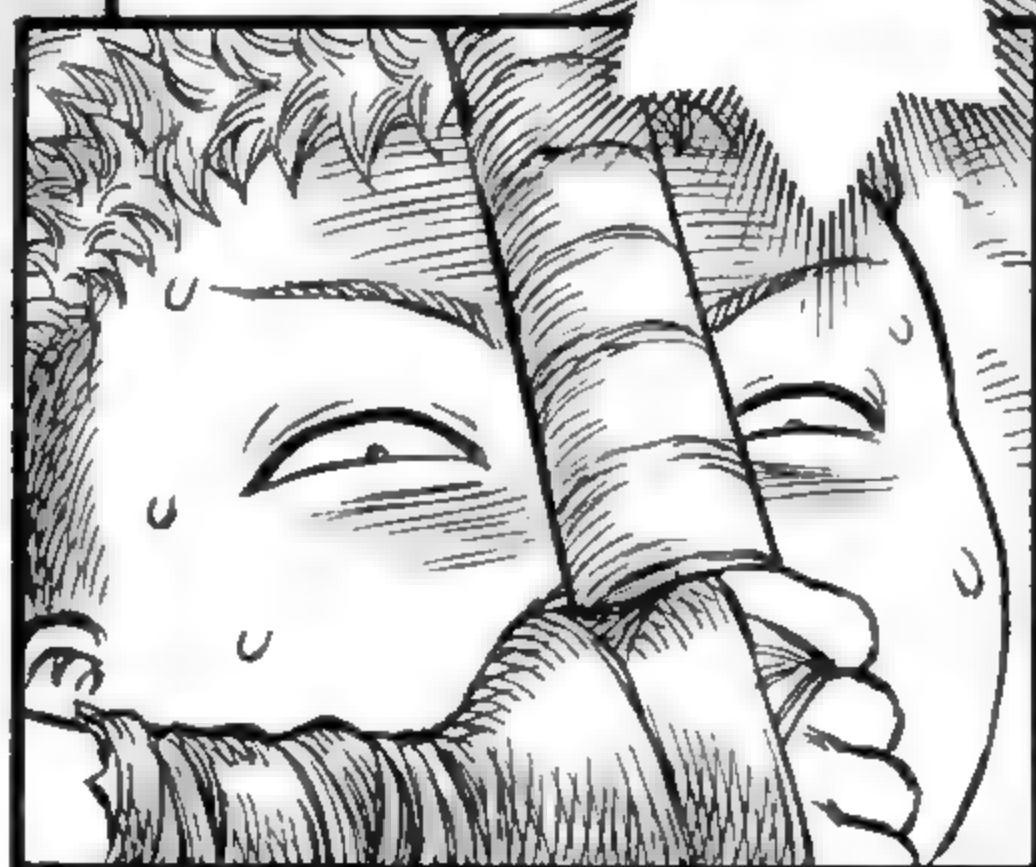


FLUTTA



I...

I'M
DEA--!!



...!!



WHAT
DO YOU
WANT?

LOOKS
LIKE YOU'VE
BEEN
SHADOWIN'
ME SINCE
YESTERDAY.



IT
AIN'T
A KID'S
TOY.



HE
HE
HE
HEH...



HEH...

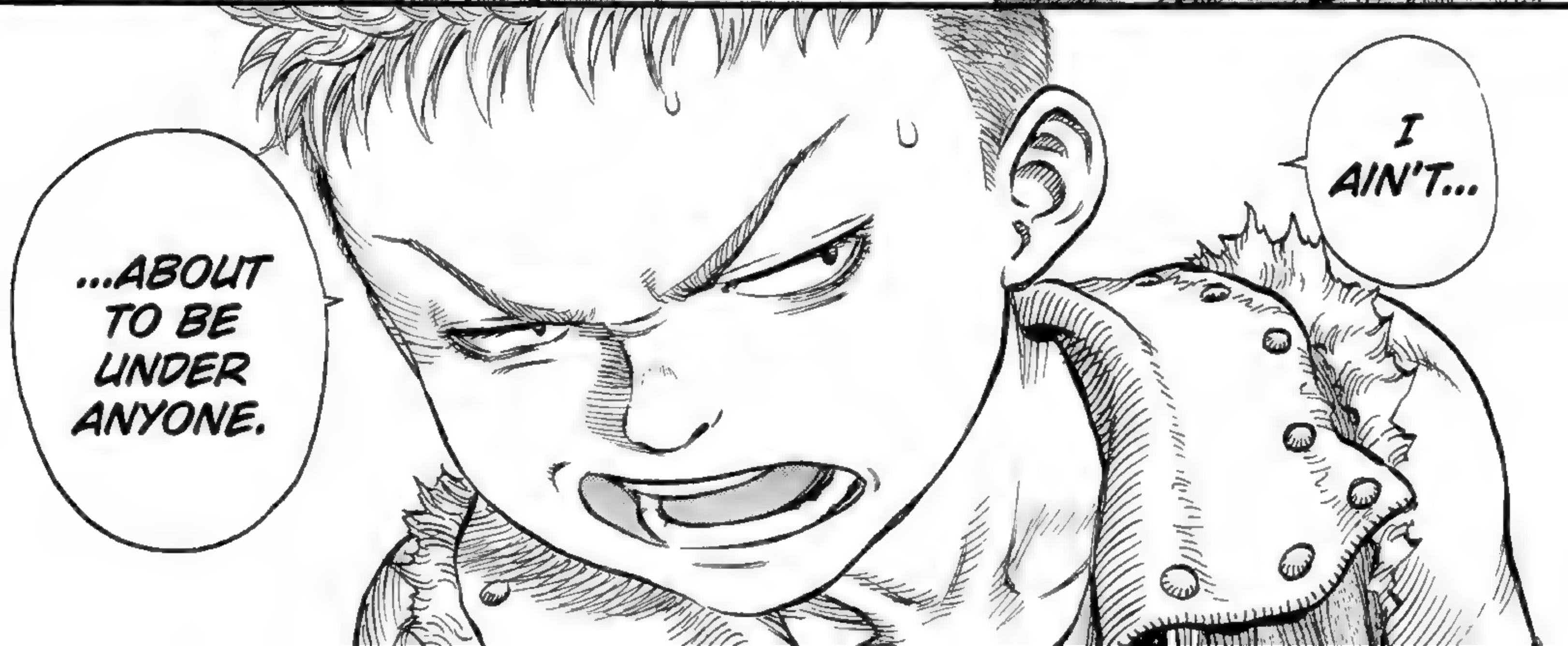


YEAH,
YOU
WISH!

Y...

THEN YOU'LL
HAVE TA GO
THROUGH ME,
SINCE I'M HIS
MANAGER.

YOU
WANNA
BE HIS
APPRENTICE
?



...ABOUT
TO BE
UNDER
ANYONE.

I
AIN'T...



HAVE YOU
EVER CUT
DOWN
ANYONE?

YOU MISS THAT
FOOD YOU GAVE
TO ME, AND
YOU'VE COME TO
TAKE IT BACK!
OH, FOR
SHAME!

AHH
!!

YOU
ATE ALL
THAT?

OKAY,
FINE
...

FORGET
ABOUT IT!
I ATE IT
ALL UP!
IT'S GONE!



DO
YOU WANT
TO BE A
FIGHTER?

YOU'VE
GOT A
SWORD.



IT'S BEST
IF YOU
DON'T HANG
AROUND ME
MUCH.

WELL,
IT DOESN'T
MAKE
MUCH DIF-
ERENCE.

WH-WHAT
I DO'S UP
TO ME!
YOU'VE
GOT NO
REASON TO
COMPLAIN!



.....

*FX: MUTTER

Y...
YEAH,
SURE.

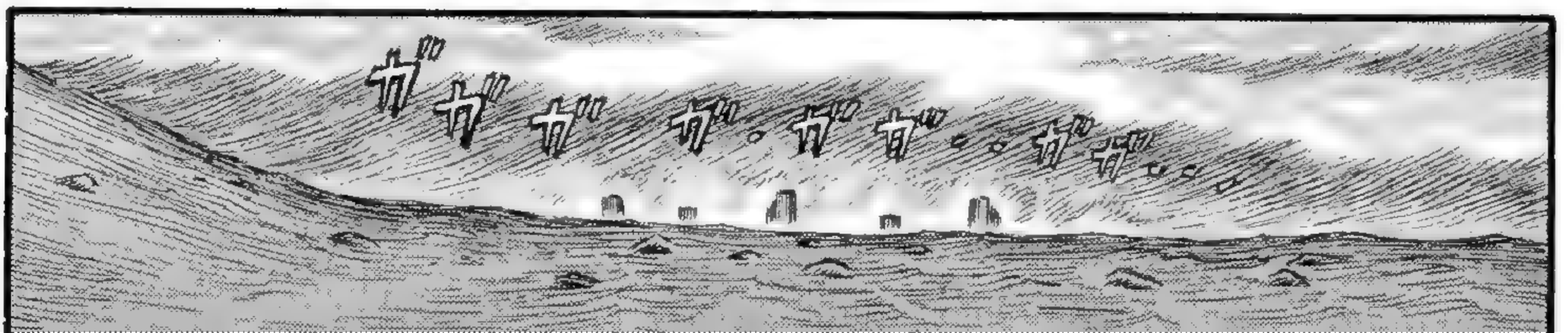
... ONE
OR TWO ...

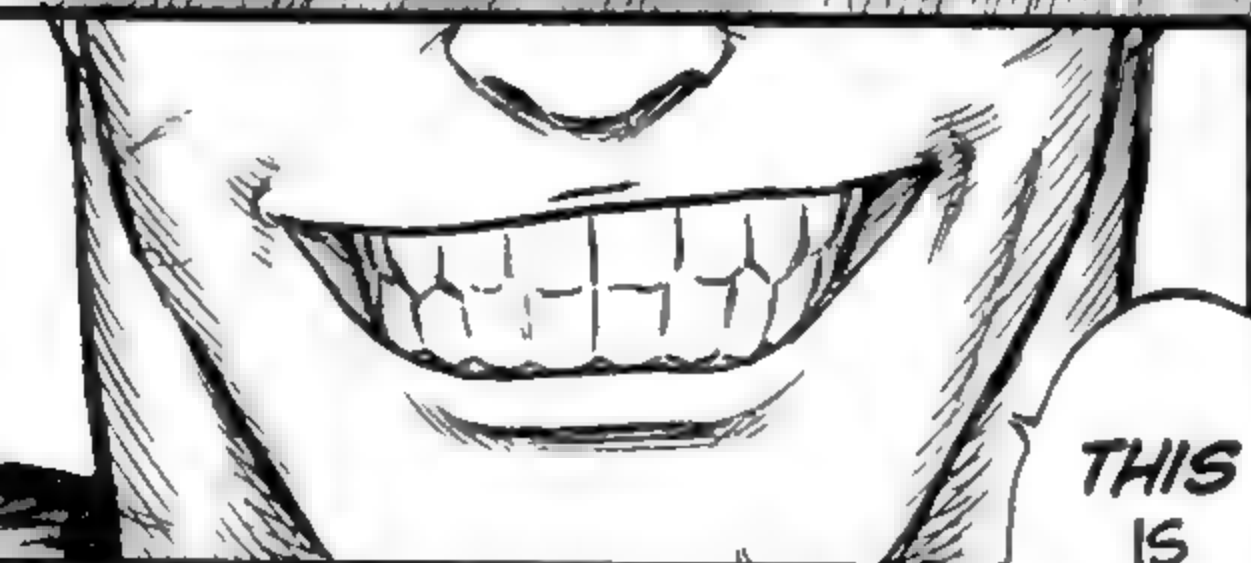


*FX: RMRMRMRMRM



*FX: RMRMRMRMRMRM







GOD
DAMN
IT...

DAMN
YOU...

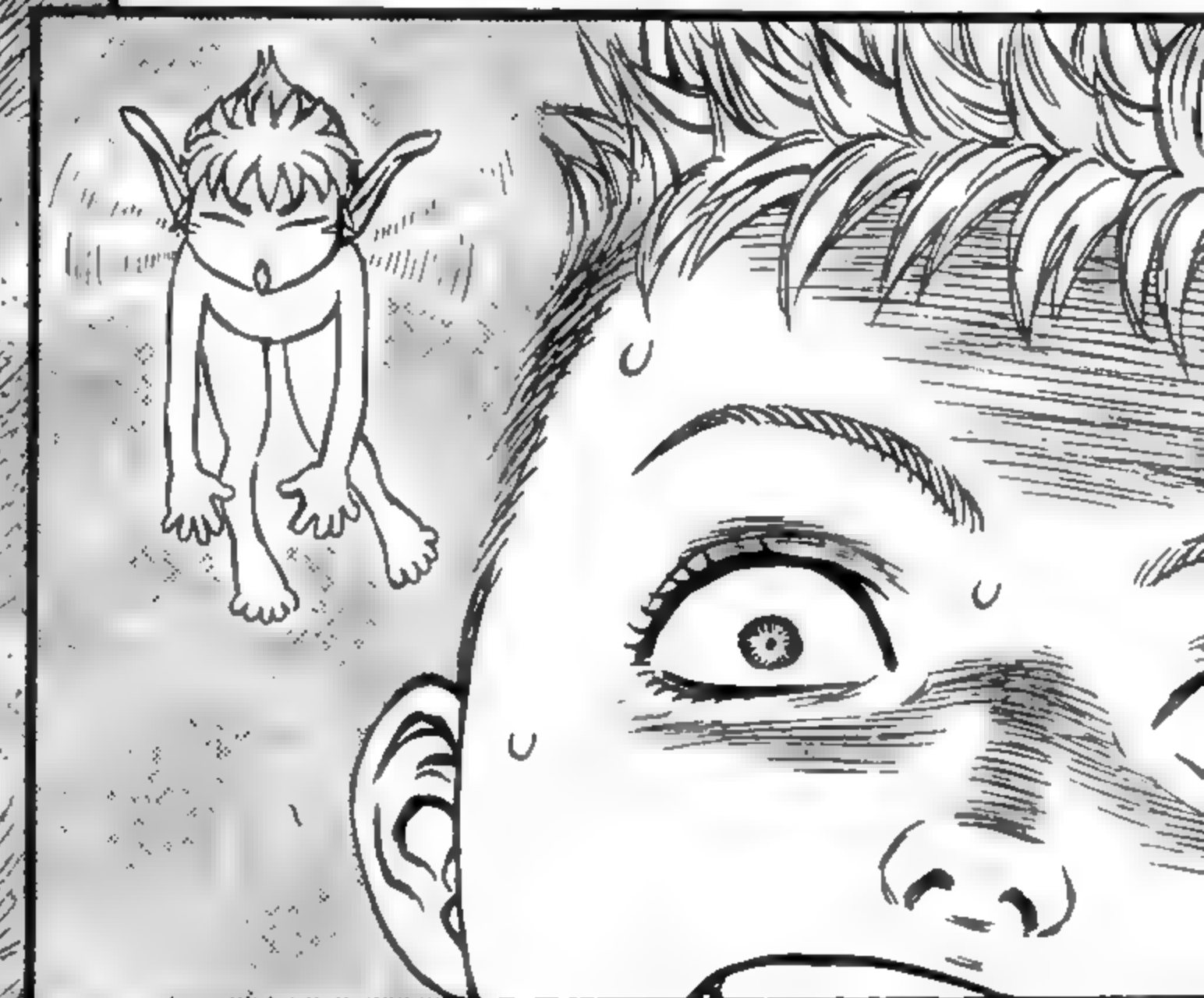


SON
OF A
BITCH
...

DAMMIT
...

イキ、ブキ、

*FX: KRIK KRIK





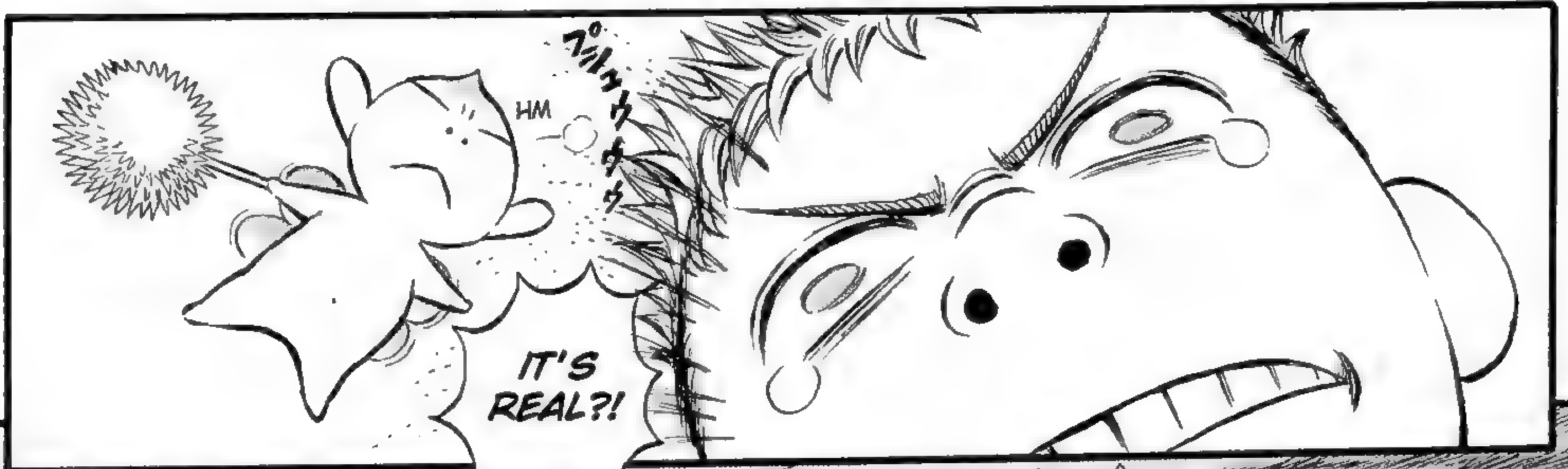
*FX: HIYAAAH!

*FX: STK STK STK STK STK

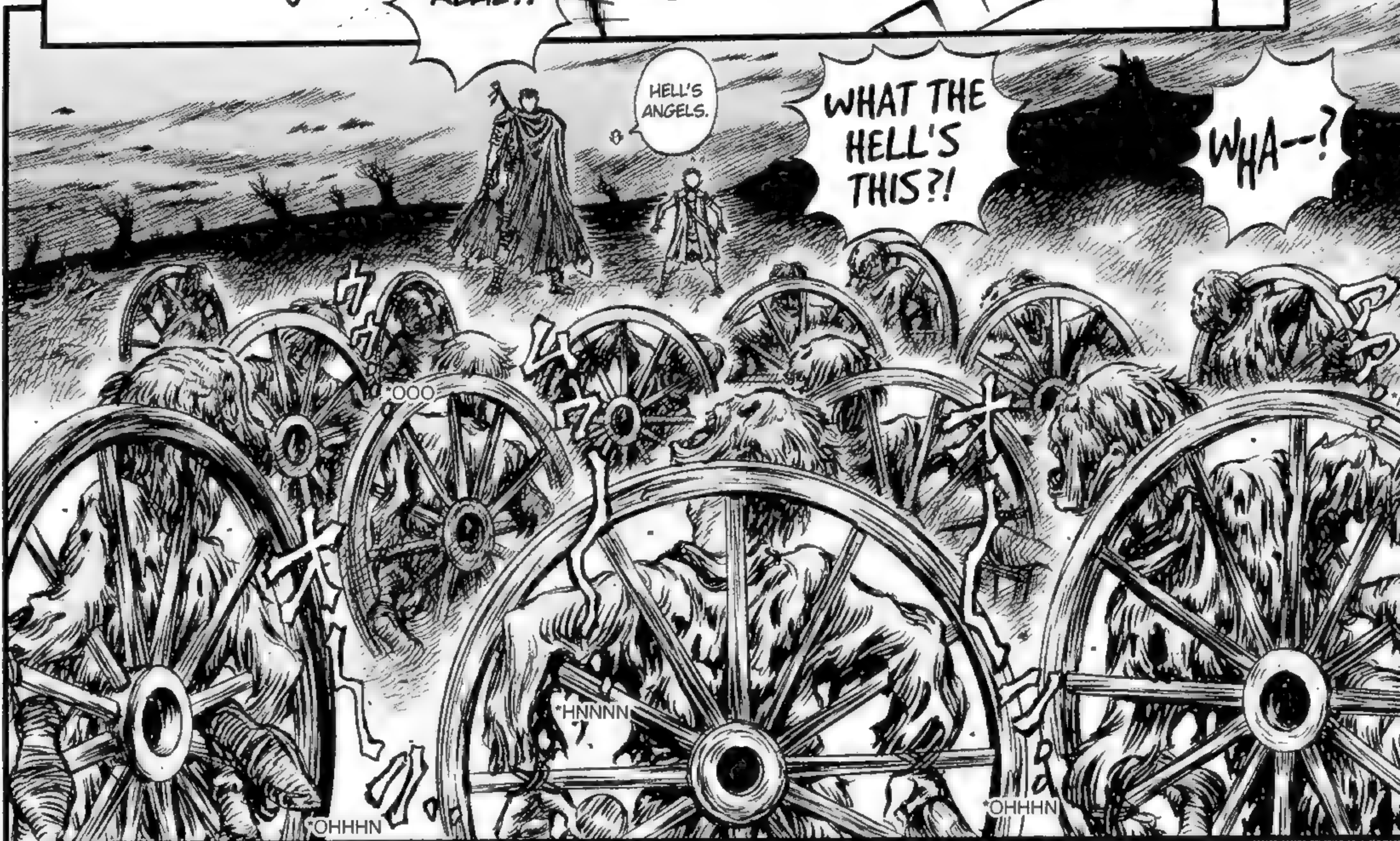


*FX: PINCH

*FX: PSSSSH



IT'S
REAL?!



HELL'S
ANGELS.

WHAT THE
HELL'S
THIS?!

WHA--?



*GRIND

*GRIND

*GRIND

*GRIND

*GRIND

DAMN
YOUUU.

I'LL
TEAR YOU
APARRRT.

I'LL
GET
YOUUU.





BKOM

THEY JUST DIED
AND GOT STUPID,
AND THEY CAN'T
TELL WHO THEY'RE
CURSING.

THEY DON'T
REALLY HAVE
ANY REASON
TO HATE YOU
OR ME.



CLAK

CLAK

CLAK



CURSE
YOUUU.

I'LL RIP
YOUR
GUTS
OUT.

IT
HURRRTS.

GO TO
HELL.

SHON
OF A
BISH.

*BAAOHHHHHM



THESE GUYS,
TOO...

HATE, HATE,
HUH?



MONSTERS OR
WHATEVER, I DON'T
CARE. I JUST WANNA
UNLEASH THIS BLACK
MASS PENT UP
INSIDE ME.

*SQUEEZE

IT'S
ALWAYS
THE
SAME
FOR ME,
TOO.



BUT...

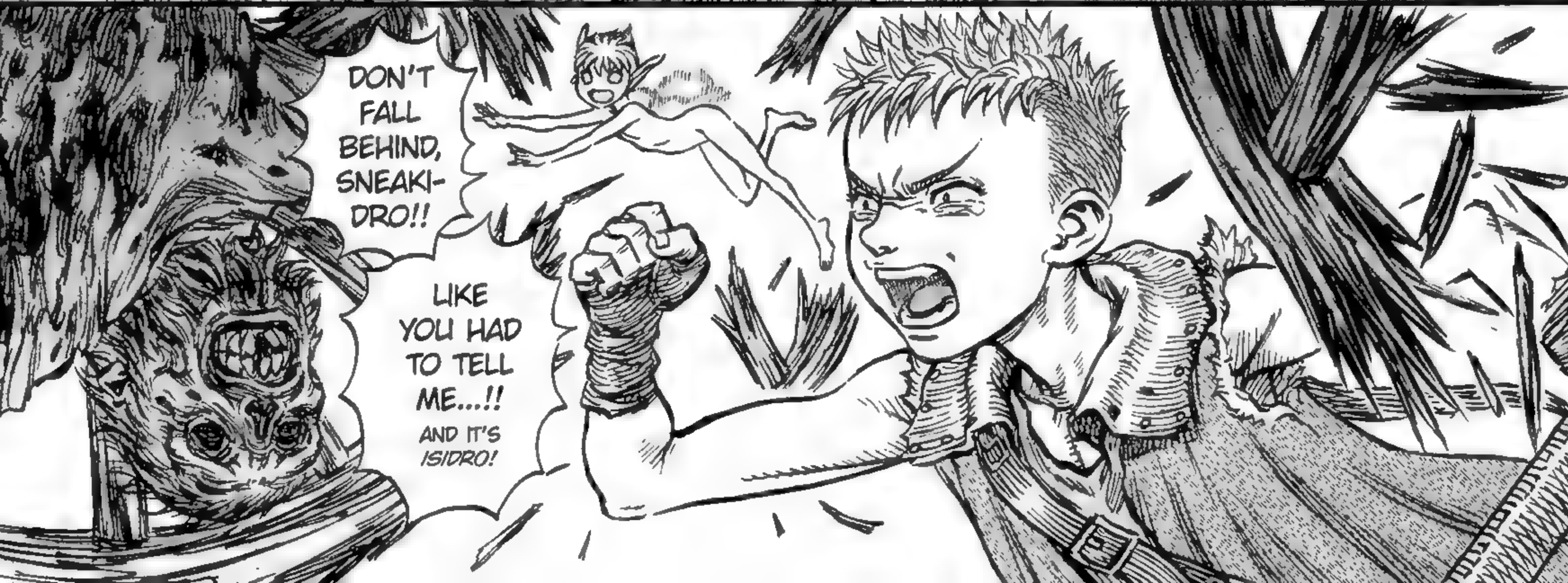
...RIGHT
NOW...

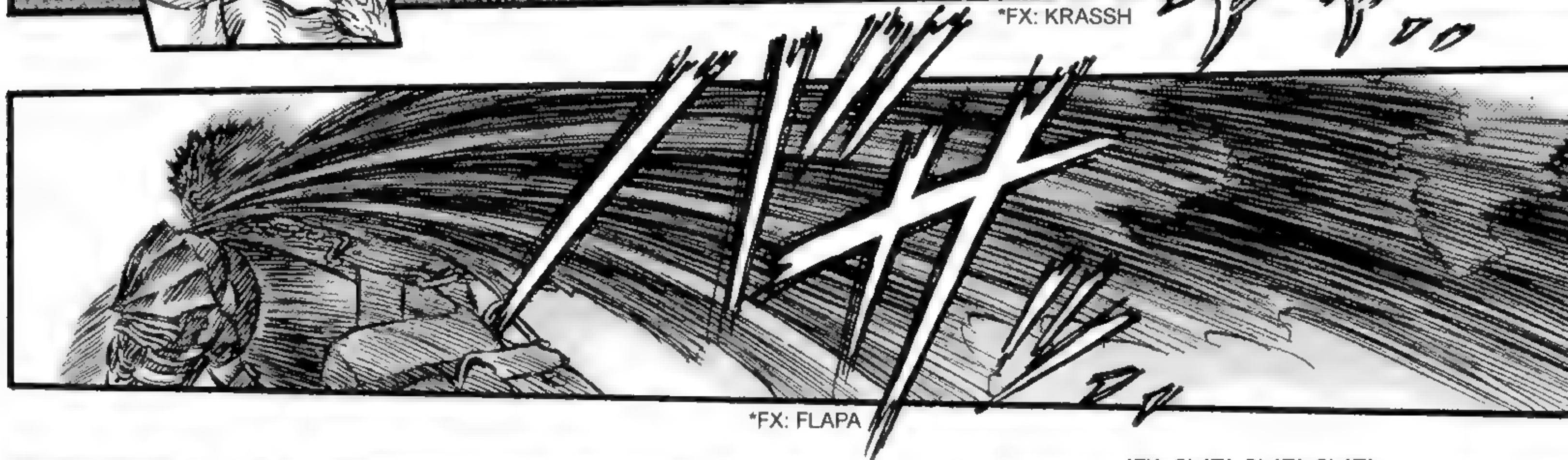


...I AIN'T
GOT TIME
TO MESS
WITH YOU!

...AND
I'LL DO
WHATEVER
IT TAKES
TO PRESS
ON.

I'M IN A
HURRY...







HEY! GET TO ROCKY
GROUND OR SOMEWHERE
THOSE WHEELS CAN'T GO!
YOU'LL GET RUN DOWN IF
YOU KEEP FOLLOWIN'!

NO
WAY!



*FX: KRNKRNKRNKRNKRNKRN

GALLOP
GALLOP

THIS'S
THE
OPEN
ROAD!!

WHERE I
GO'S UP
TO ME,
ALRIGHT?!



.....



NOW! ELF
DIMENSION
STYLE
DARK B--!

*POK



GEH!

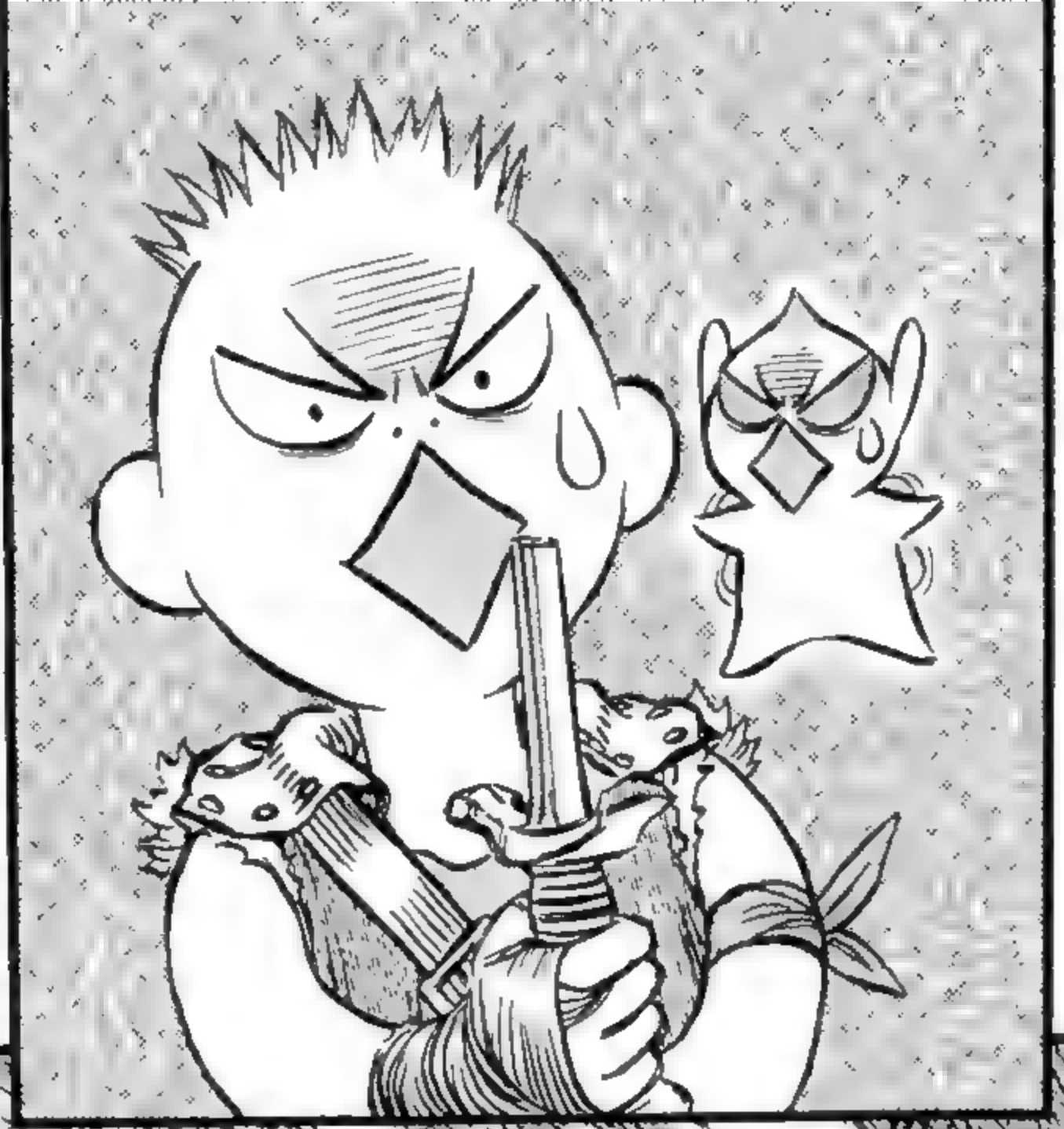
PASSED
ON THE
INSIDE.

*FX: CLATA CLATA CLATA



OH!
OH YEAH!
I FORGOT.

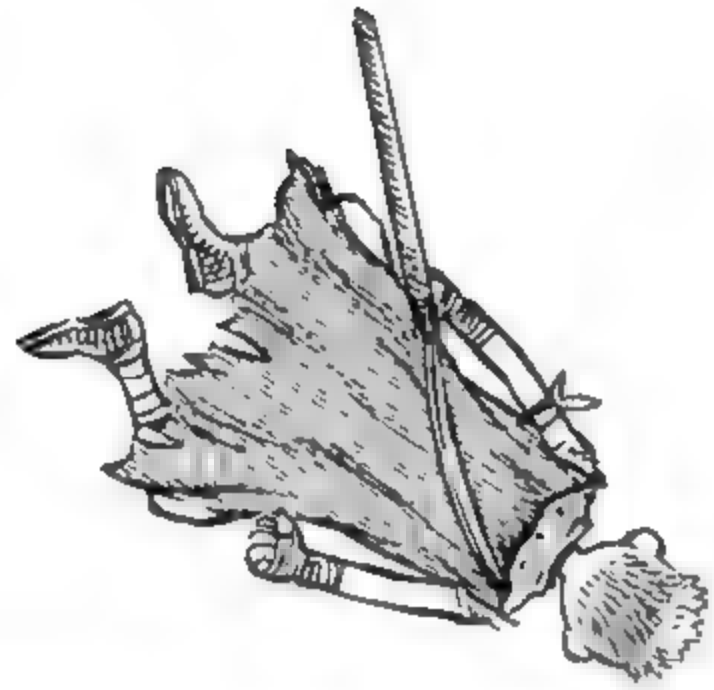
YOUR SWORD,
SNEAKIDRO,
YOUR *SWORD*.
NOW IS THE
TIME TO
PRACTICE
WHAT I'VE
TAUGHT
YOU!



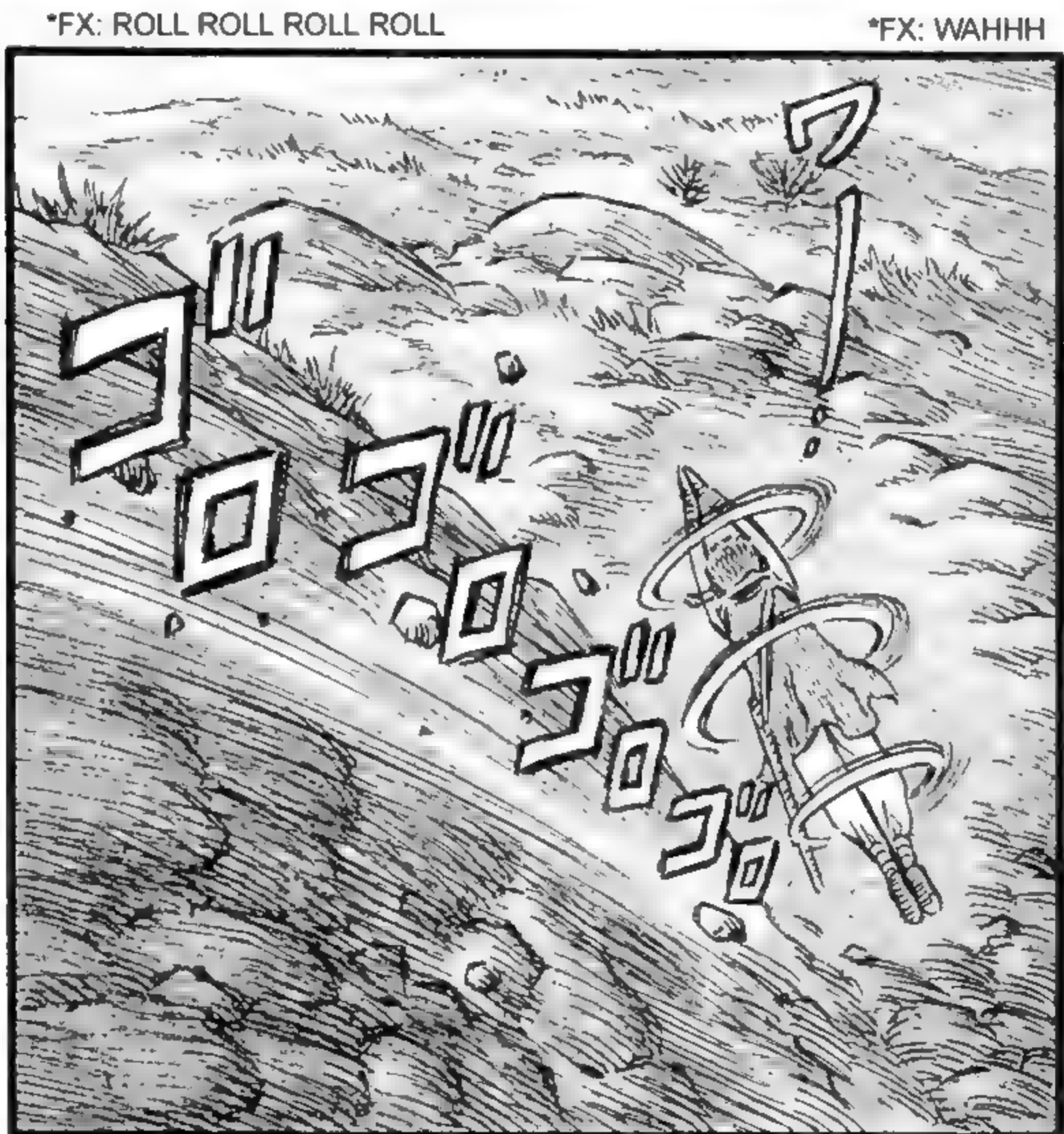


★ AH.

*TOSS
ポイ



*FX. FLUTT



*FX: ROLL ROLL ROLL ROLL

*FX: WAHHH

*FX: CLATA CLATA CLATA CLATA



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BIRTH CEREMONY CHAPTER
SPIRIT ROAD (1): END

BERSERK



*FX: ZHA ZHA ZHA



断罪篇

生誕祭の章

怪道②

CONVICTION ARC
BIRTH CEREMONY CHAPTER
SPIRIT ROAD, PART 2



FX GCHAK GCHAK





WONDER
IF HE
DIED?

I
WONDER
WHAT
HAPPENED
TO THAT
BOY.



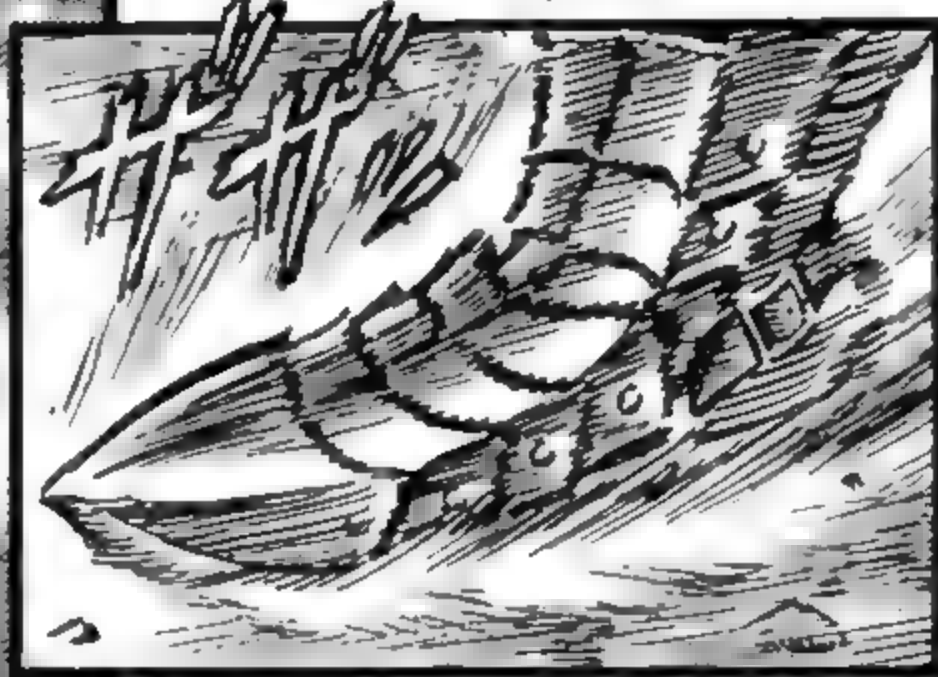
PISS
OFF.

HE KINDA
SEEMED LIKE
YOU... NASTY
LOOK IN HIS
EYES, AND SO
STUBBORN.

ONE
MONSTER AFTER
ANOTHER.
TONIGHT'S
A MONSTER
BUMPER
CROP.



*FX: ZHFAA



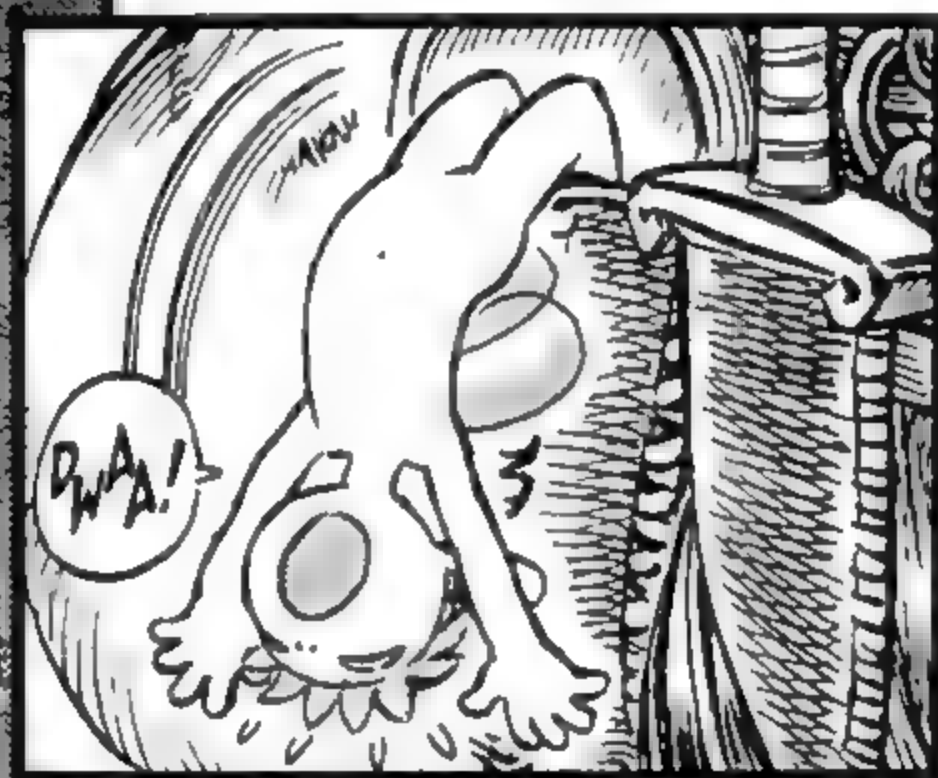
*FX: HAHHH HAHHH



NO...

THAT'S
...
...AN
OLD
CHUM.

NYEW
?



NO SUDDEN
STOPS! BE
MORE MINDFUL
OF YOUR
LANDLORD!

*FX: SMACK





YOU SEEM
IN GOOD
HEALTH.
STRUGGLER.

I THOUGHT
I'D GET
YOUR
ATTENTION.

I DIDN'T THINK
YOU HAD *MANY*
HUMAN FRIENDS,
BUT OF ALL
THINGS A
MONSTER...?

EH? YOU
KNOW EACH
OTHER?

.....

AN
ELF...

AN INTER-
ESTING
THING TO
HAVE WITH
YOU.

HE MAY NOT
LOOK IT, BUT
HE'S PRETTY
LONELY.
PLEASE BE
NICE TO HIM.
BY THE WAY,
I'M PUCK...

YOU
SHUT UP
A MINUTE.

AH!
THAT'S
NOT TO
SAY I DIS-
CRIMINATE
AGAINST
MON-
STERS.

SOMETHING...
ABOUT HIM...

HUH...?

*SEETHE

THE TIES
THAT BIND
ARE
STRONG.

HMM...
TWO
YEARS
PRIOR...

ONE IS
KNOWN
TO BE
LOCATED
WHERE I'M
HEADED...

AS I SAID
BEFORE,
I AM THE
FOE OF THE
INHUMANS.

WHAT'RE
YOU
DOIN' IN
A PLACE
LIKE
THIS?

IT'S
BEEN A
WHILE,
PAL.

...THE
LEADER.

POSSIBLY

AN
APOSTLE'S
NEAR
HERE...?!

APOSTLE

H...

...ALSO
THE LAND
YOU
SEEK.

...AND
PERHAPS
WHERE
I'M
GOING...

NOT
THAT
...!!

WHADDA
YOU
MEAN?!


HOLD
UP!!



ARE YOU
SAYING THE
GODHAND
ARE
THERE?!

...TOWER
OF CON-
VICTION.


NOT THAT
THEY'RE
AT THE...



BUT AT THE SAME TIME,
IT CAN BE SAID THAT AS A
HUGE BODY OF THOUGHT,
THEY CANNOT TAKE FLESH IN
THIS WORLD, THUS THEY
EXIST NOWHERE.

ANY PLACE
NEGATIVE HUMAN
THOUGHTS SWIRL
IN A LARGE CON-
CENTRATION.

THEY EXIST
EVERYWHERE
IN THIS
WORLD.



I DON'T HAVE
TIME FOR YER
ANNOYIN'
ANSWERS!!



ONCE
AGAIN,
YOU LOST
ME...



LIKELY EVERY
HUMAN IN
THE WORLD
WAS WITNESS
TO THAT
SAME THING.

DID YOU NOT
SEE IT TOO?
THE DREAM OF
THE SHINING
HAWK?

WHEN THE
CONCENTRATION
REACHES A
CRITICAL POINT,
ONE WHO
SHOULD EXIST
IN THE DIVINE
DOMAIN...

BUT AT
TIMES
THERE ARE
EXCEP-
TIONS.

...IS
INCARNATED.
JUST ONCE
IN A
THOUSAND
YEARS.

IT WAS A
REVELATION.

**...IS GOING
TO APPEAR
IN THIS
WORLD.**

**THAT
SOMEONE
...**

**...WHO
SIGNIFIES
THE
HAWK...**



**THE
HAWK...?!**

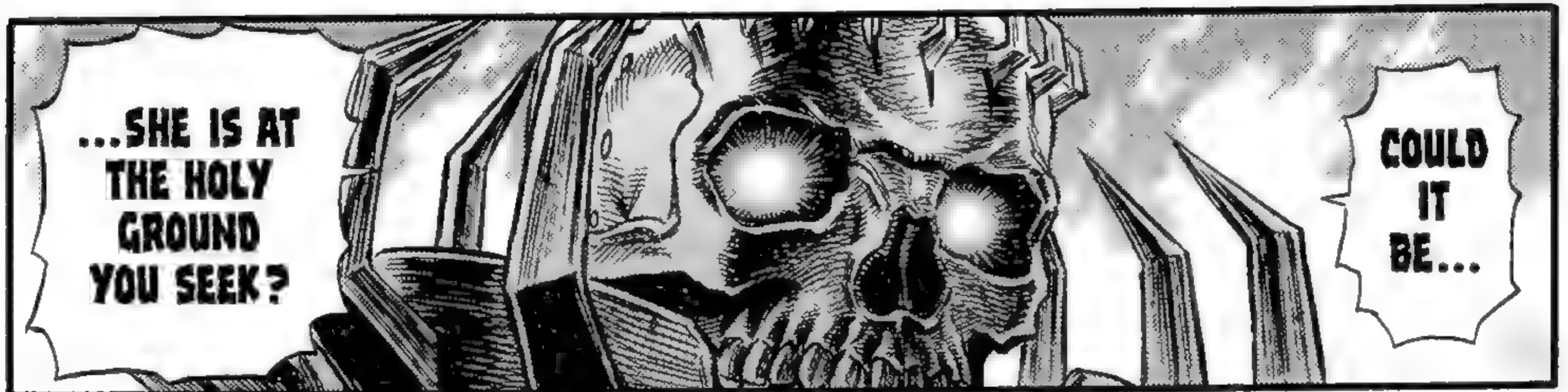


GLITS
?

HAWK...



I ASK
YOU
THIS...
THAT GIRL
WHO WAS
WITH YOU,
WHERE IS
SHE NOW?



...SHE IS AT
THE HOLY
GROUND
YOU SEEK?

COULD
IT
BE...



SO IT'S
TRUE
...



WHAT
?



THE CON-
CENTRATION
OF THAT
IDEA IS
CALLED THE
"FESTIVAL."

THE
POWER
OF GOD
DESCENDS
TO
EARTH
...



AND THE
FESTIVAL IS
ESSENTIALLY
A DIVINE
WORK...

IT TRACES A
PHENOMENON
IN THE DIVINE
DOMAIN.

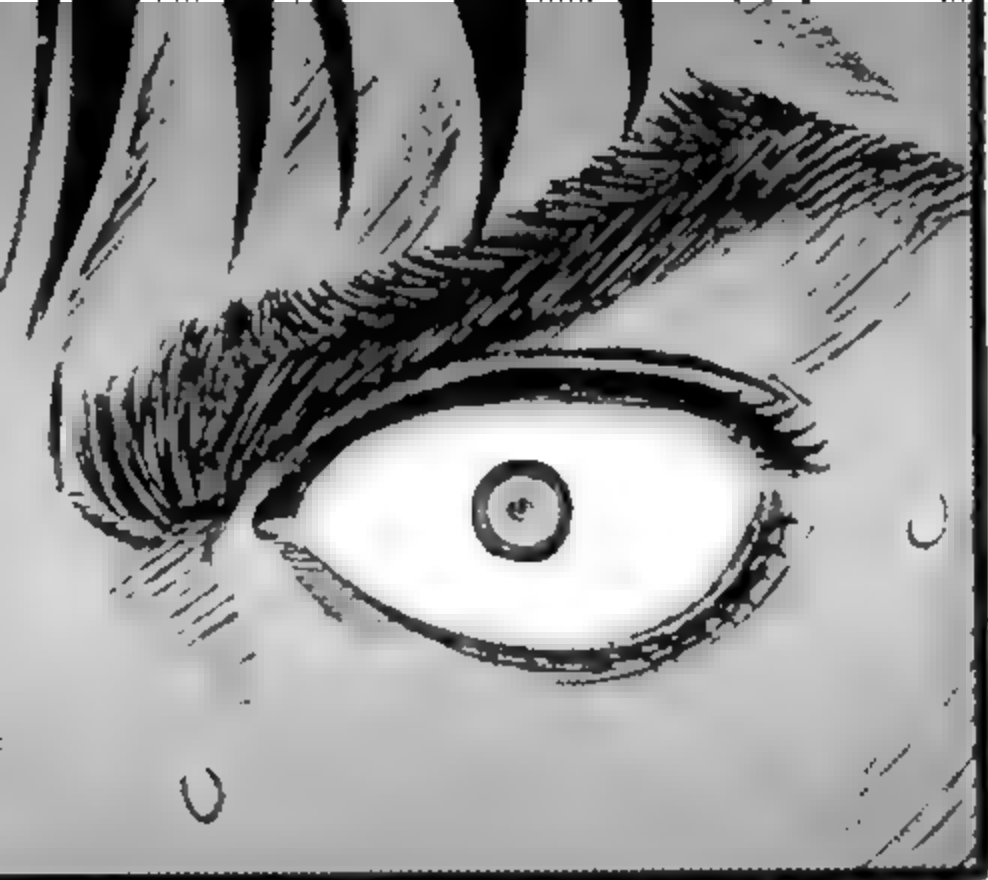


WHY IS IT YOU
KNOW THAT?!
GIVE ME A
STRAIGHT
ANSWER,
GODDAMMIT!!

A LITTLE
EASIER
TO GRASP,
IF YOU
COULD.

HEY
!

WHAT
THE
HELL'D
YOU
FIGURE
OUT?!

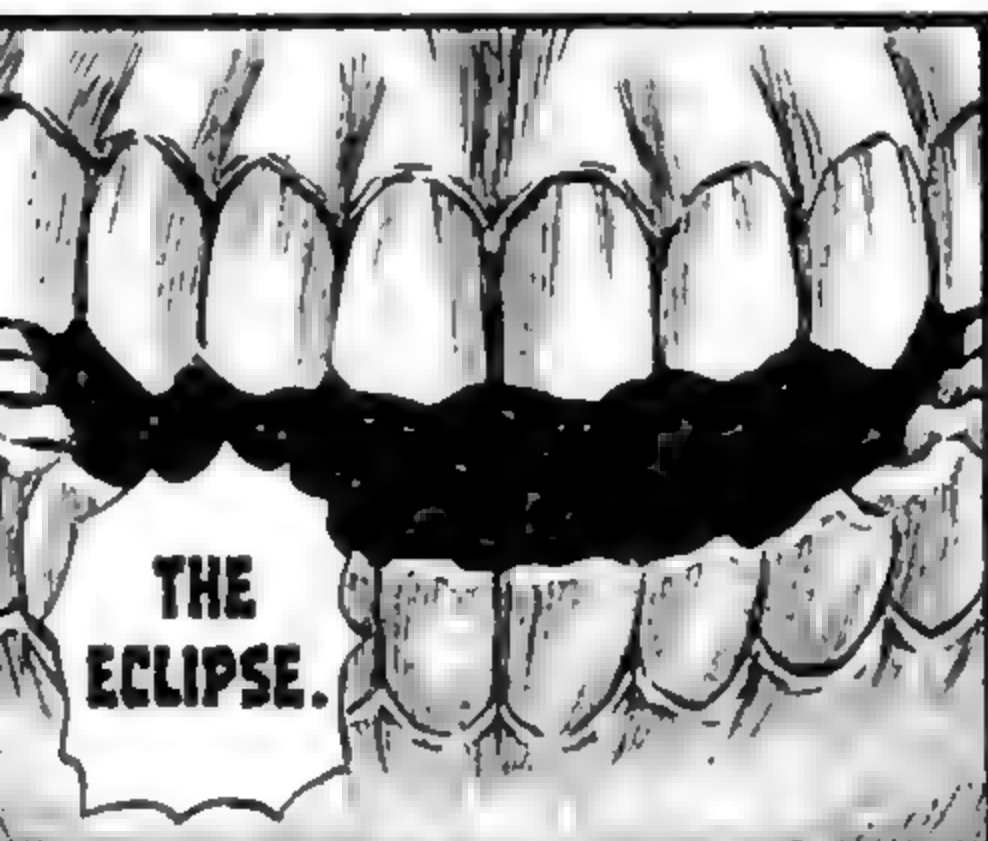


AND YOU
AND THAT
GIRL WILL
COME TO
THROW
YOUR-
SELVES
INTO THEIR
MIDST.

THE
FLOCKING
SHEEP
WHO'VE
BEEN LED
TO THE
BLOOD-
SPLATTERED
HOLY
GROUND
DESIRE THE
"HAWK OF
LIGHT."



TRACES A
PHENOME-
NON...?



THE
ECLIPSE.

IT NEARLY
PARALLELS
THAT OTHER
TIME...



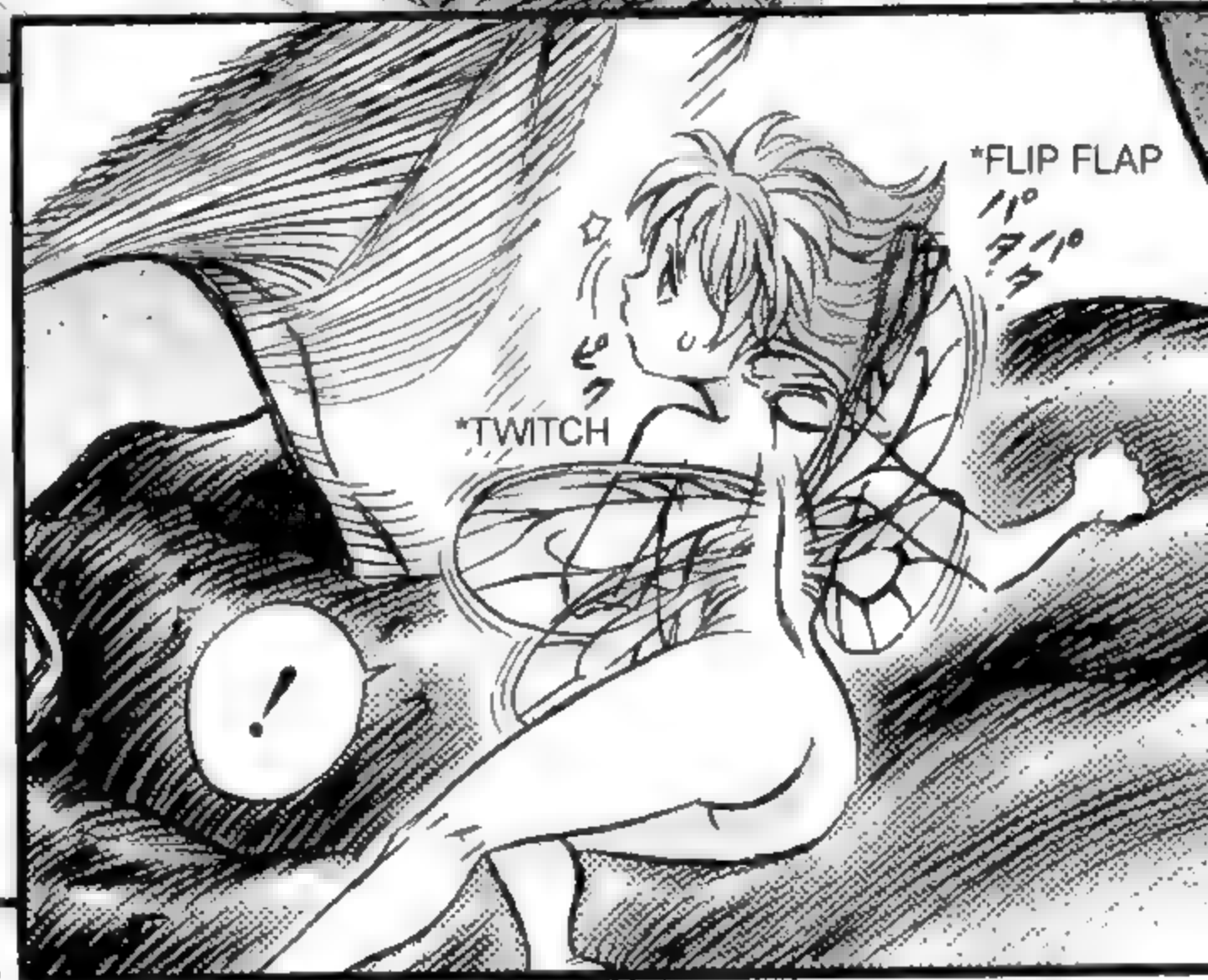
IT'S AN
ATTEMPT
...

...TO
IMITATE
THE
ECLIPSE.

*HUUUUUUU



ANXIETY,
FEAR,
ANGER...
IT'S AS
IF AN
EMOTIONAL
FLOODGATE
HAS BURST
INSIDE
GLITS!!



*FLIP FLAP

1/10
7/10
3

*TWITCH



WHAT'S
THIS
EMOTION...?



...WHAT'S
THIS...?

BUT...

HUH...?



THAT...

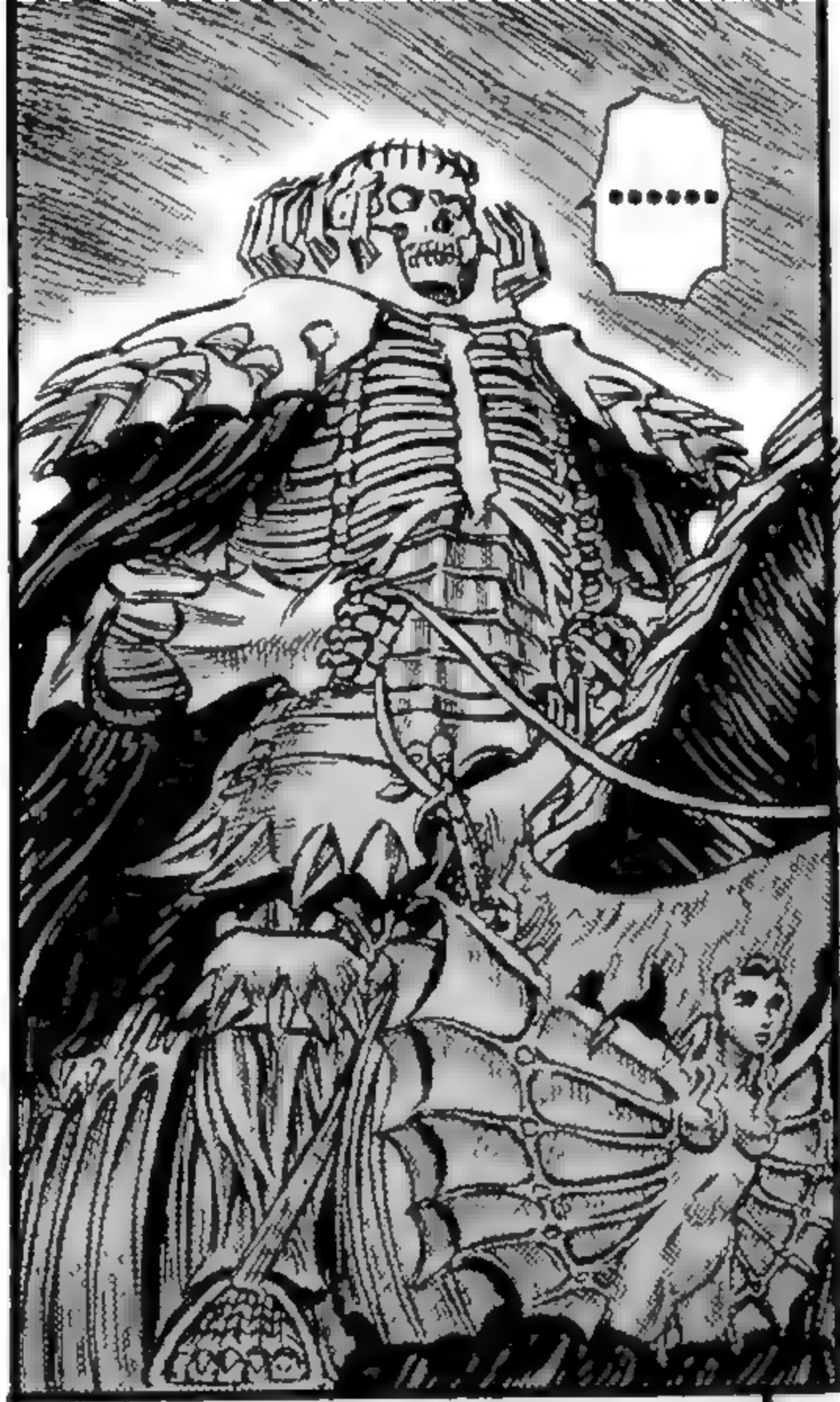


...HAPPEN
AGAIN?

YOU
MEAN
...
THAT'LL ...
...



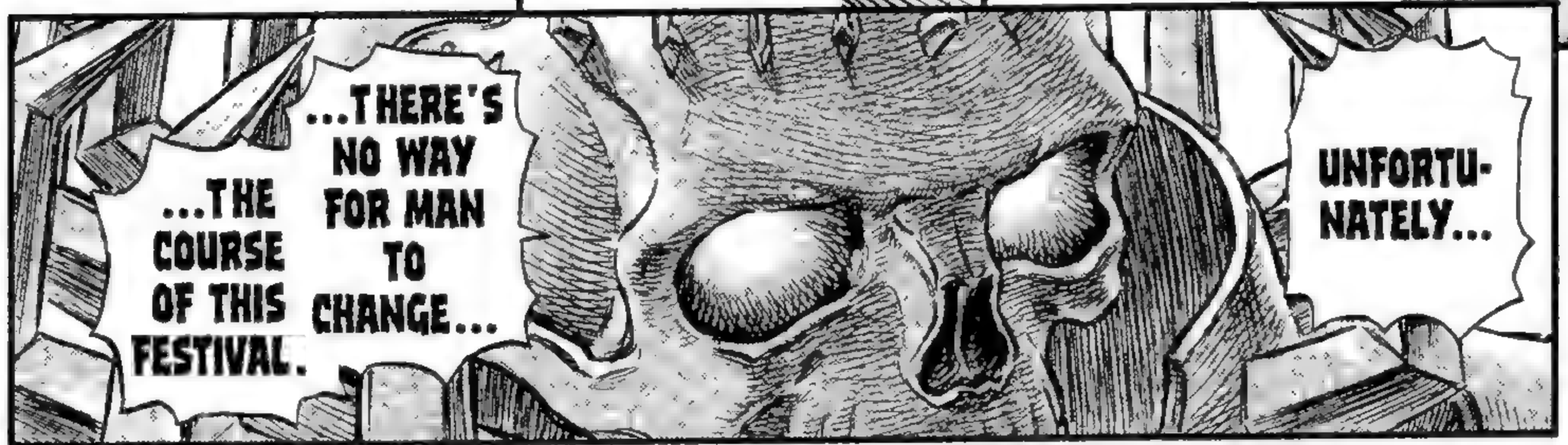
...ONE
MORE
TIME?



.....

IS
THIS...

...
ECSTASY
?!



...THE
COURSE
OF THIS
FESTIVAL.

...THERE'S
NO WAY
FOR MAN
TO
CHANGE...

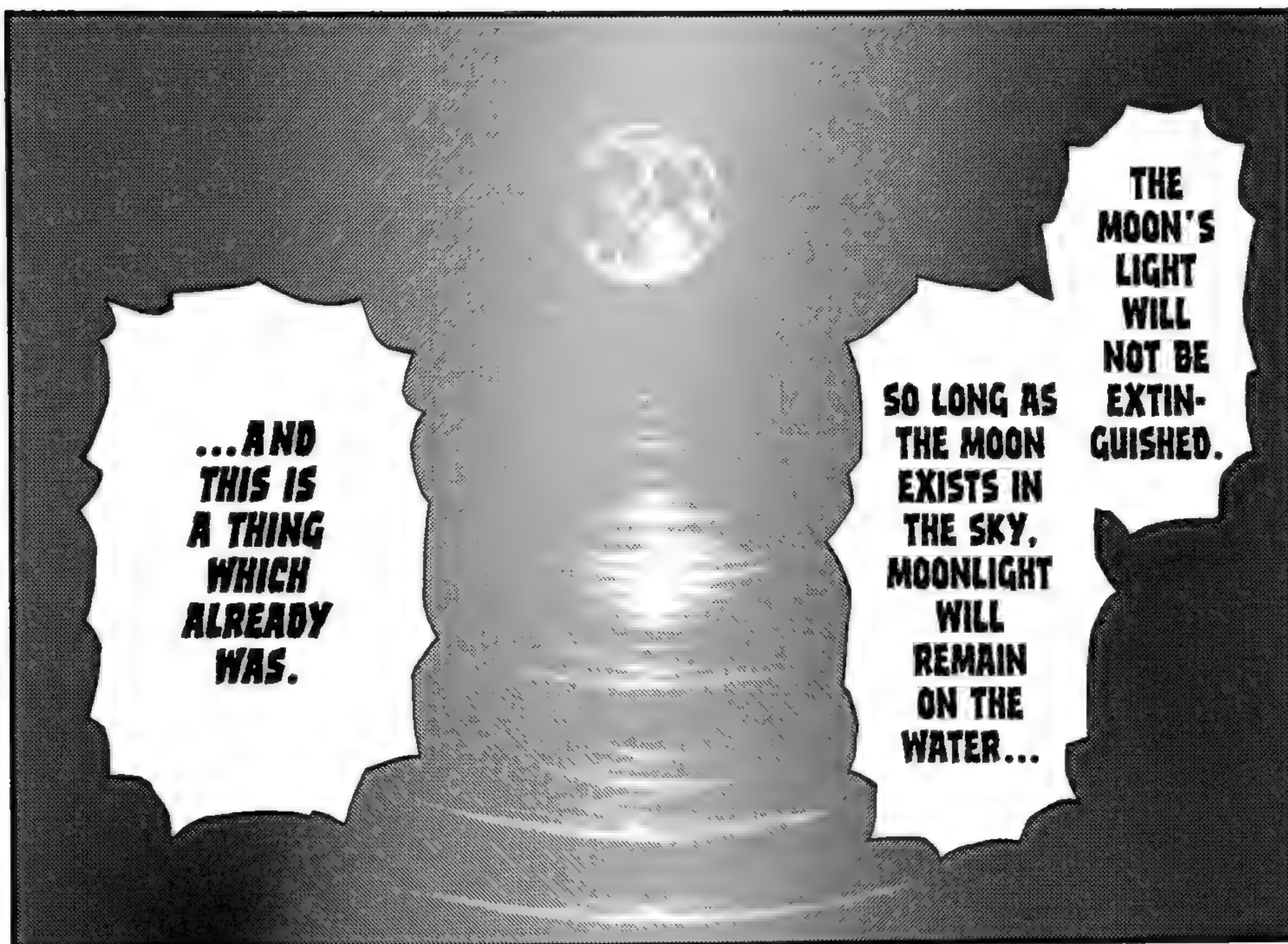
UNFORTU-
NATELY...

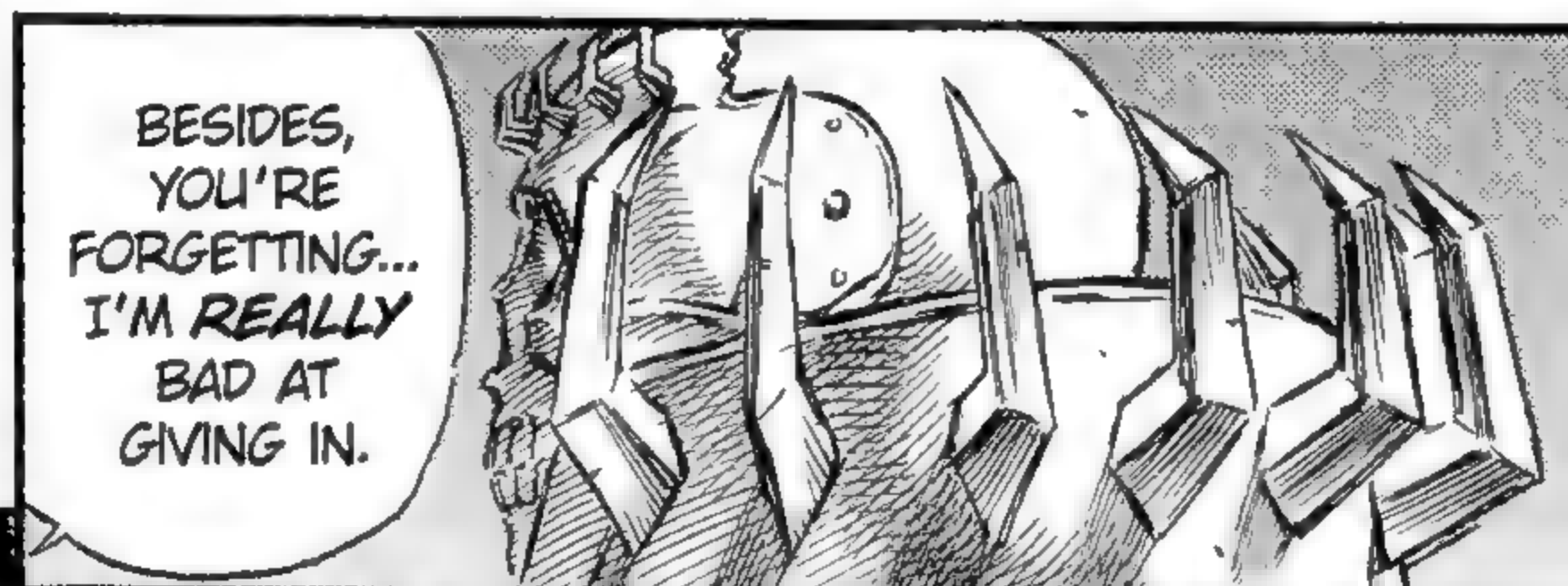
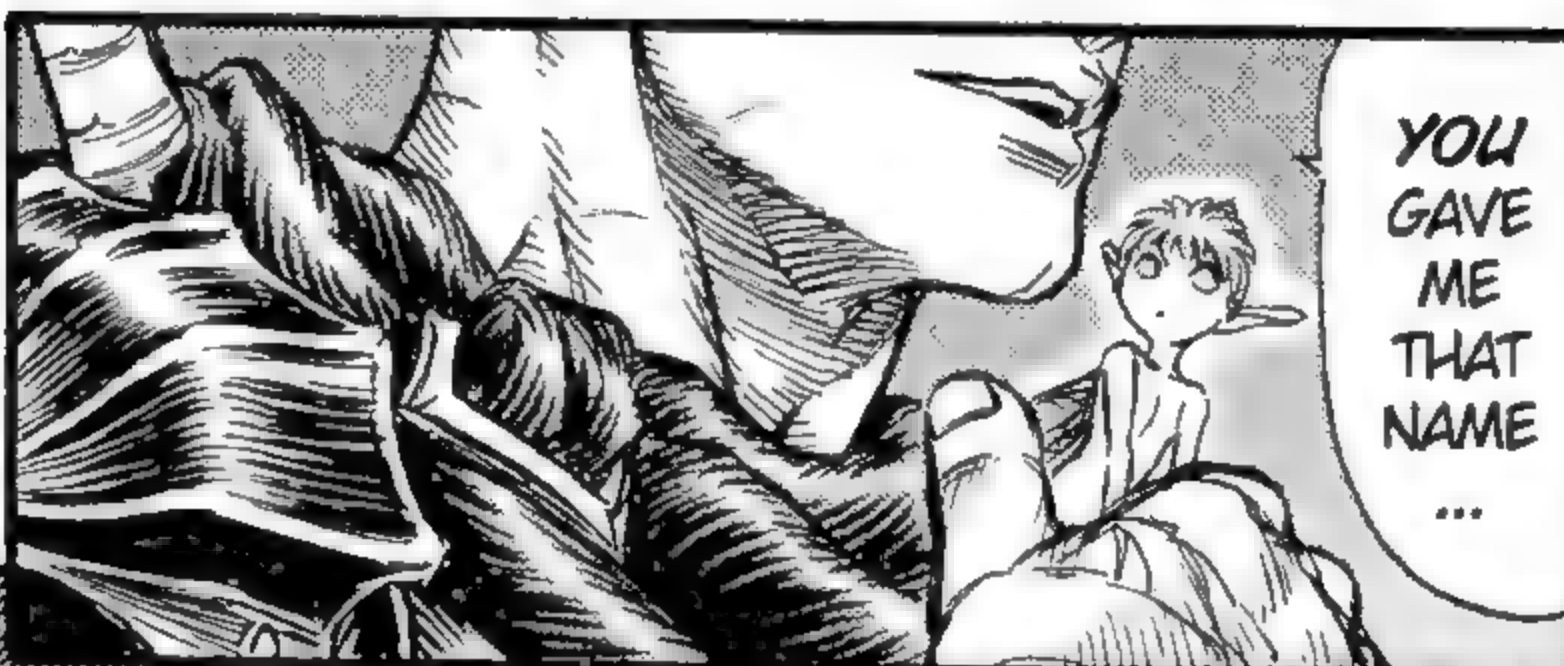
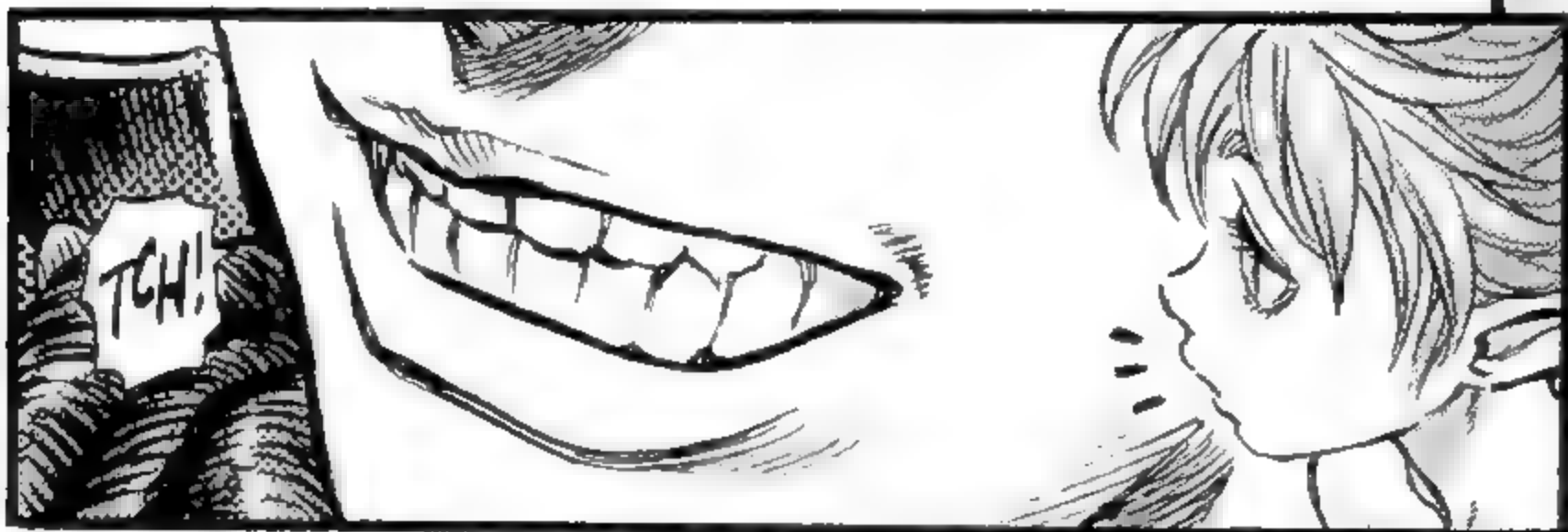
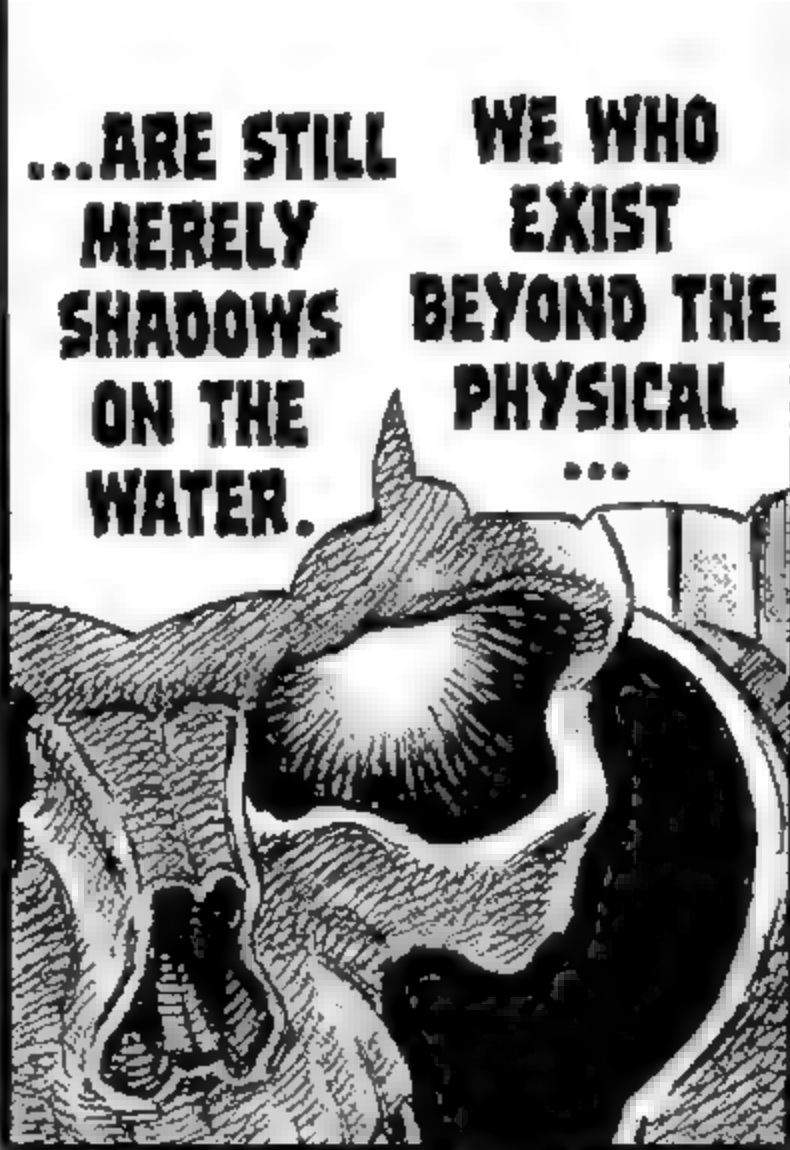


THIS WORLD IS
AS MOONLIGHT
REFLECTED ON
THE WATER'S
SURFACE.



WHAT
?





...ARE STILL
MERELY
SHADOWS
ON THE
WATER.

WE WHO
EXIST
BEYOND THE
PHYSICAL
...

...WITHIN
THE
CURRENT
OF
CAUSALITY.

WE
ALREADY
SUBSIST...

GLITS
?

TCH!

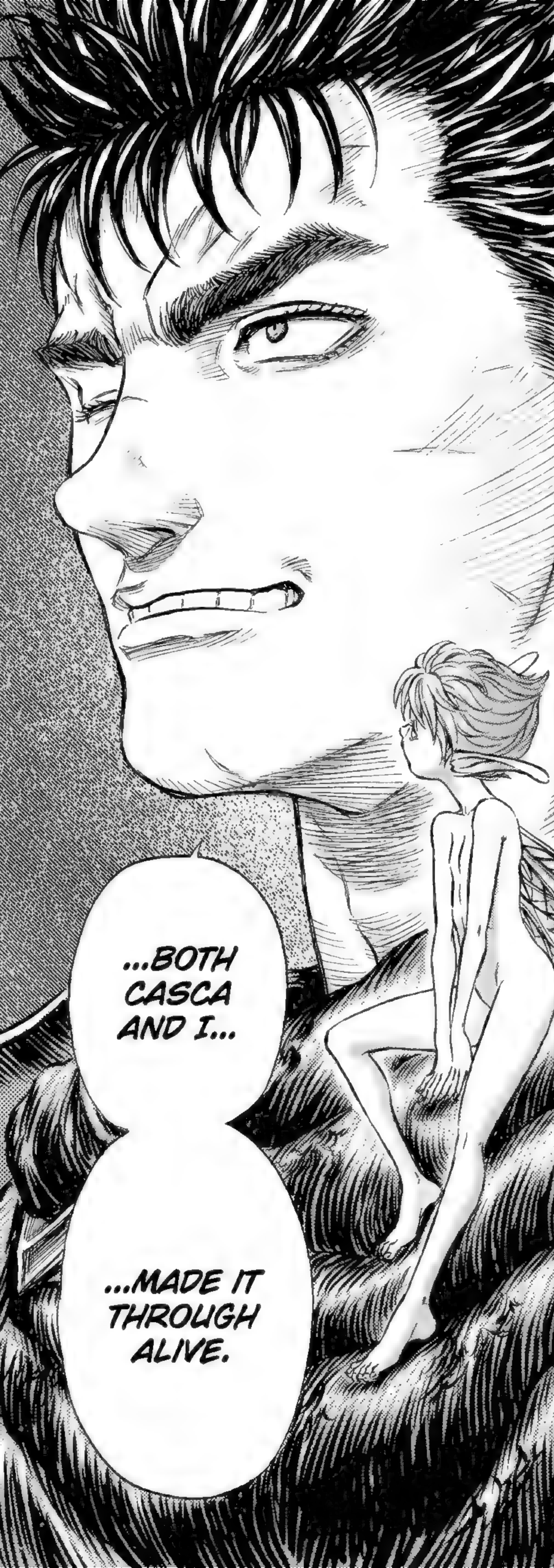
I DECIDED ON THE
TOWER OF CONVICTION--
AND GO THERE ON
MY OWN FEET.
NOBODY ORDERED
ME TO.

WHO CARES
ABOUT
SHADOWS?
CAUSALITY?

YOU
GAVE
ME
THAT
NAME
...

BESIDES,
YOU'RE
FORGETTING...
I'M REALLY
BAD AT
GIVING IN.

THE NAME
"STRUGGLER."



...BOTH
CASCA
AND I...

...MADE IT
THROUGH
ALIVE.

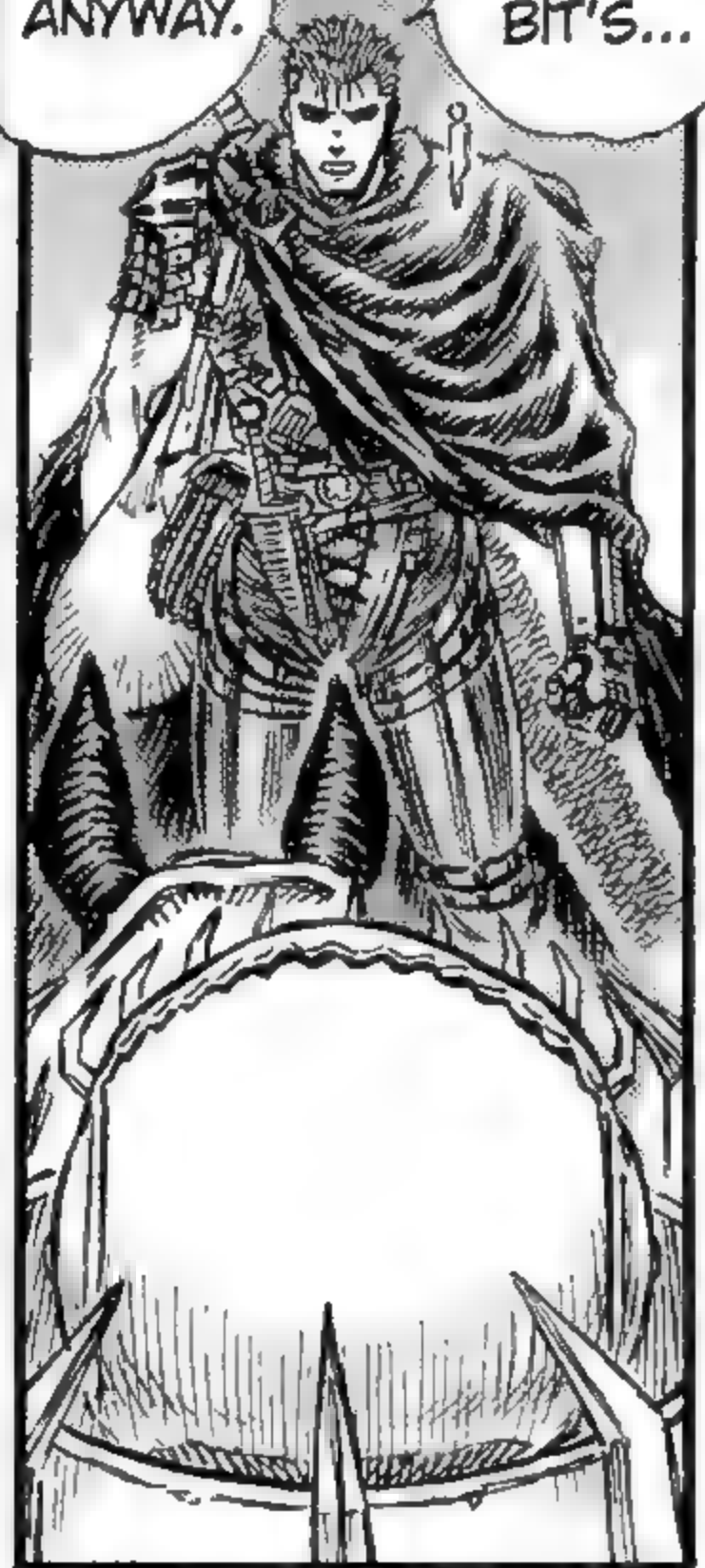


THIS PROUD MONSTER
ONCE PREDICTED
SOMETHIN' TO ME.
"A DEATH YOU CAN
NEVER ESCAPE WILL
PAY YOU A VISIT."
HE WAS SURE AS
HELL RIGHT, UP
'TIL THE ECLIPSE.

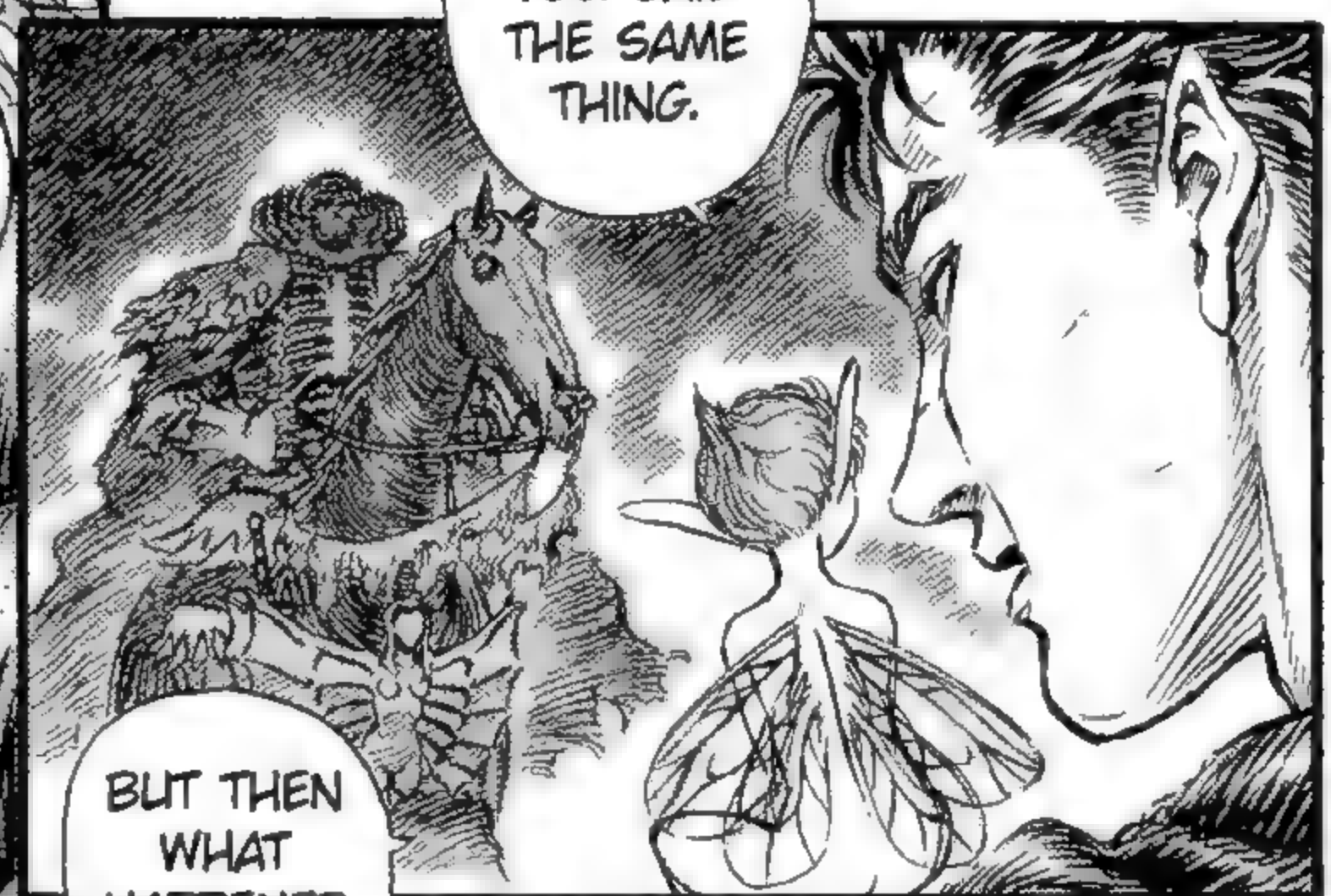


...PRETTY
SHADY,
ANYWAY.

THAT
WHOLE
CAUSALITY
BIT'S...



YOU SAID
THE SAME
THING.



BUT THEN
WHAT
HAPPENED
?

...EVEN IF
WE GOT
A LITTLE
TORN UP...

EVEN IF
WE SWAM
IN A SEA
OF BLOOD
AND SHIT...



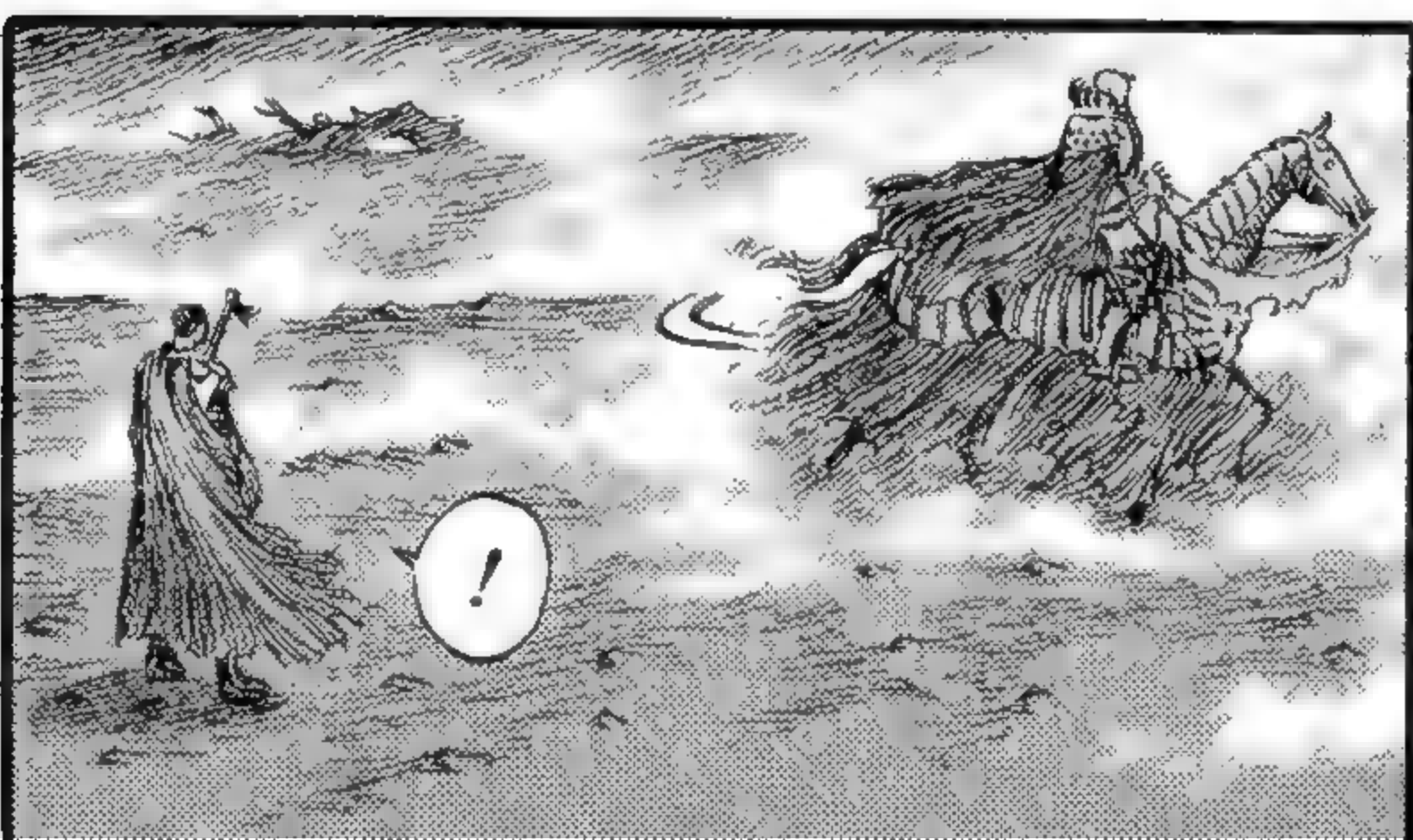
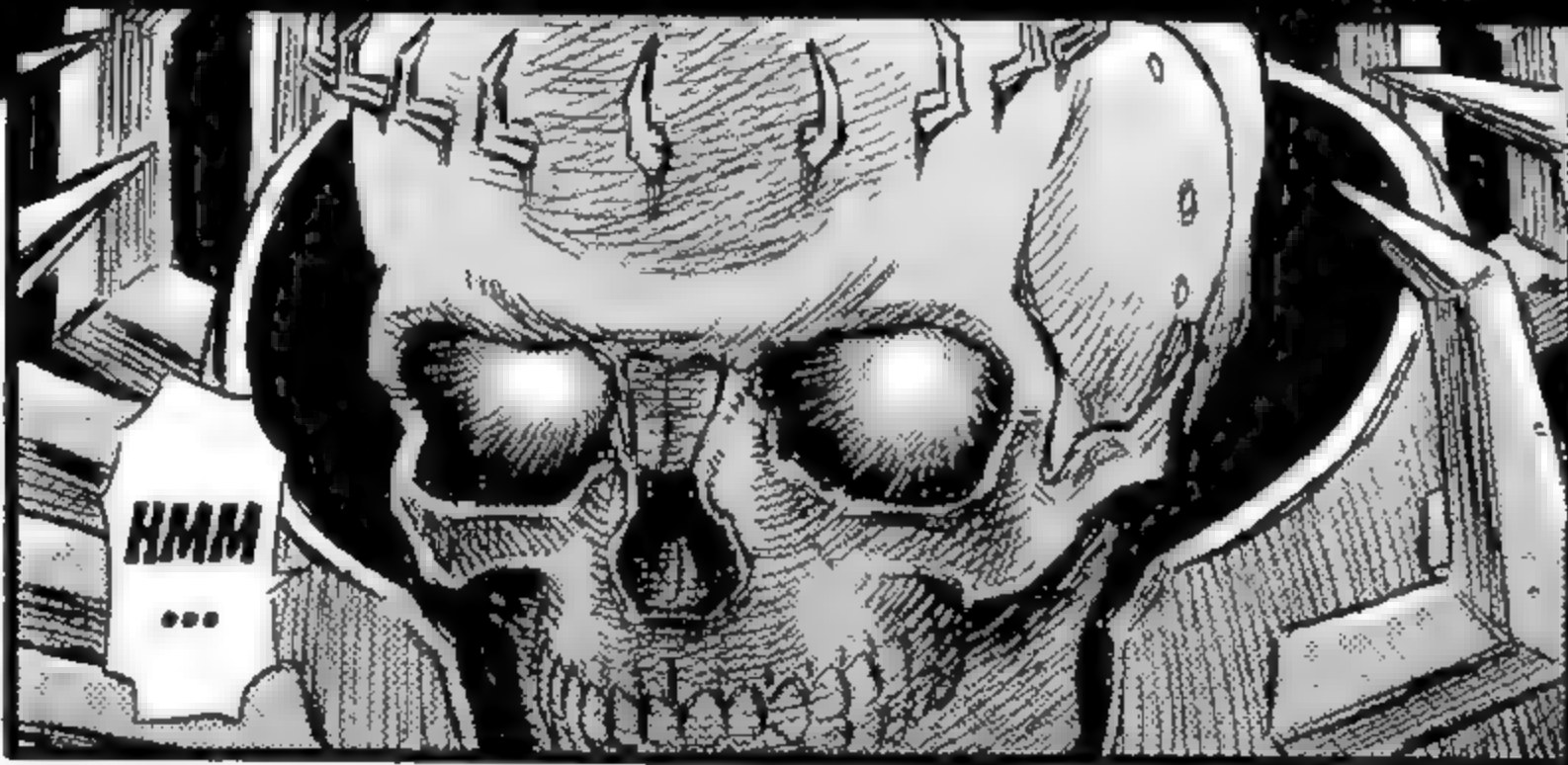
AND
THEN...

SURE,
YOU HELPED
US OUT
THAT TIME.

BUT THIS
TIME...

...I'LL
SAVE HER
BY MY
OWN
STRENGTH.

THEN...



...BUT
IT'S NOT
JUST
ANGER.

IT'S
INTENSE...

IT'S
MORE
COMPLEX...



...IT DOESN'T
MEAN IT
WILL BE
EXACTLY
THE SAME.

AND
EVEN
IF IT
IMITATES
THE ECLIPSE
...

...I WILL
IN TURN
GAMBLE
EVERY-
THING
ON THAT
POINT.

THOUGH MINUTE,
SINGULAR DETAILS
CERTAINLY CAN
OCCUR AT THE TIME
JUNCTION POINT
THAT EVEN THEY
CAN'T PREDICT...

THE SCOPE
TOO HAS
NATURAL
LIMITS
IN THE
MATERIAL
DOMAIN.

...IT MAY
BE OF
UNANTICI-
PATED AID.

WHAT
?

FURTHER-
MORE,
THAT BRAND
CARVED
INTO
YOU...

THAT IS, THE
BORDERLINE
BETWEEN THE
PHYSICAL
AND ASTRAL
WORLDS.

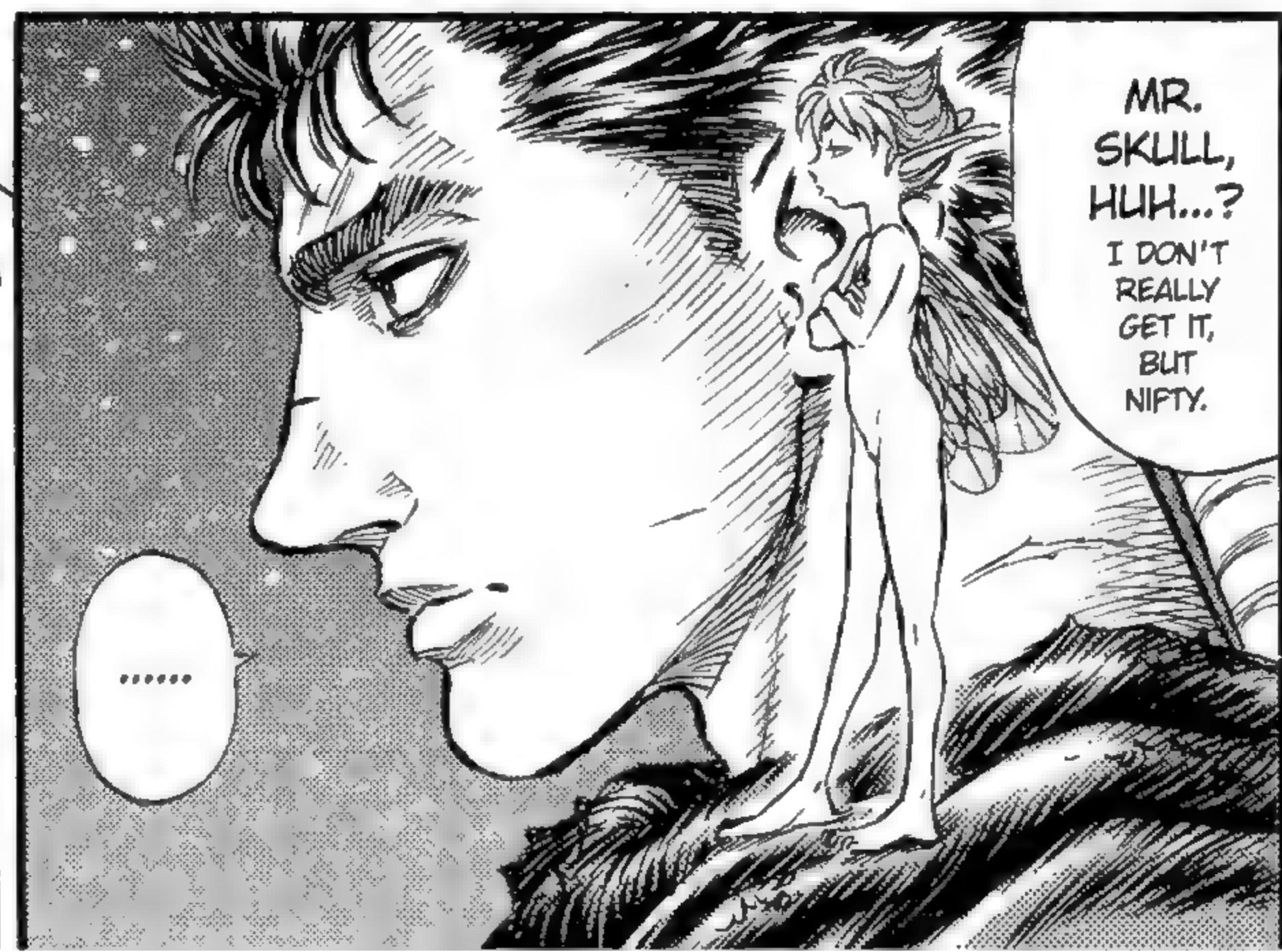
AS I TOLD YOU
BEFORE, DUE TO
THE BRAND, YOU
NOW LIVE IN THE
"INTERSTICE."

...BUT YOU
ARE OUTSIDE
THE REASON
OF THE WORLD.

IT'S
MERELY
HALF A
STEP...



*FX: BWOOOO



...HE KINDA
FELT LIKE
AN ELF...

...BUT
THAT
GLY...

MAYBE I
IMAGINED
IT...

HMMM
...
NAH,
NEVER-
MIND...

THAT'S
MY TOP
PRIORITY.
THAT'S
WHY I'M
HERE.

I'LL
SAVE
CASCA.

BUT IF HE
STANDS
BEFORE
ME...

...THEN,
I'LL...

LET'S
GO.

CONVICTION ARC
BIRTH CEREMONY CHAPTER
SPIRIT ROAD (2): END

IT WAS LIKE
THE VOICE
OF A
HOWLING
MONSTER
BENEATH
THE EARTH.

IT WAS A
HOWLING,
BUT NOT
LIKE THE
WIND.

...I'D
COWER
IN MY
BED...

WHEN
I HEARD
THAT
SOUND...

...TO
SPEND
THE NIGHT
WITHOUT
SLEEP.

...ALONE...

...THE
CITY
SQUARE.

...IN MY ROOM
OVERLOOKING...

ROAR...
ROAR...

ROAR...
ROAR...

EVEN SO,
I FOUND
MYSELF
DRAWN
TO THE
WINDOW...

A
COUNTLESS
NUMBER
OF CAST
SHADOWS
WERE
WAVERING.

THERE
WAS THIS
MYSTERIOUS
PILLAR OF
FLAME.

ROAR...
ROAR...

LIKE SOME
KIND OF
FESTIVAL.

**CONVICTION ARC
BIRTH CEREMONY
CHAPTER**

PILLAR OF FLAME

断罪篇

生誕祭の章

炎の柱



*FX LIFT





*FX: BOPH

RELEASE
!!

グッ
オオ、オオ...

*FX: ROARRR



EGH...

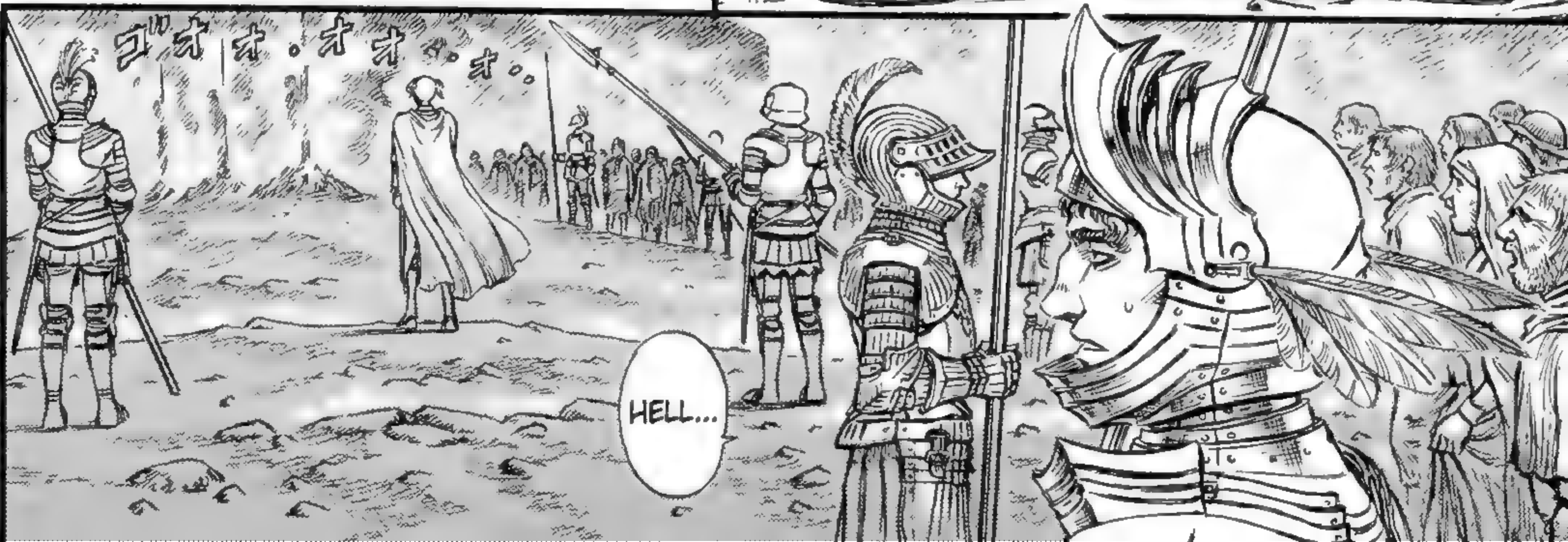


*FX: SNICKT SNAP



*FX: ROHHH

*FX: BROARRR



HELL...

グッ オオ、オオ...

"...THE COMMANDER'S
VOLUNTARILY BEEN
THROWING TORCHES
AT THE STAKES."

"SINCE THE
TIME SHE
WAS A
CHILD..."

...TO HAVE
TROUBLE
LIGHTING
PEOPLE
ON FIRE.

THE
WENCH
SURE
DOESN'T
SEEM...

HUH
?

APPARENTLY
THE
COMMANDER
HAS A LOT OF
EXPERIENCE
WHEN IT
COMES TO
THE STAKE.

OH,
YOU DIDN'T
KNOW, SIR
JEROME?

"IT SEEMS WHEN
THE HERETIC
HUNTS WERE
WIDESPREAD,
THAT WAS USED
AS A BURNING
GROUND."

"HER
FAMILY'S
HOME FACED
THE CITY
SQUARE."

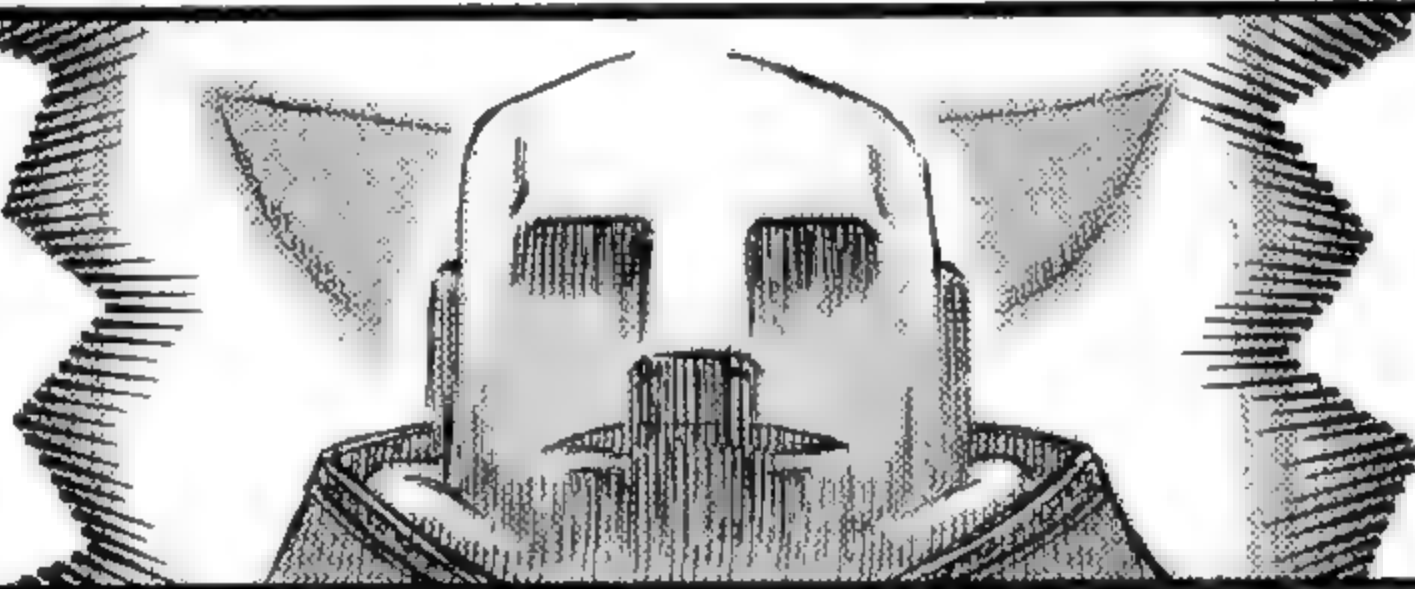
"...WAS APPROVED WAS HER
MERITORIOUS SERVICE THREE
YEARS AGO IN THE HOLY SEE,
WHEN SHE CAUGHT A GROUP
OF REBELLIOUS HERETICS
AND SENTENCED THEM TO
BURN AT THE STAKE."

"I HEARD
THE REASON
THE SEARCH
FOR THE
BLACK
SWORDSMAN
..."



THOU SHALT NOT SEEK RETRIBUTION FOR THINE ACTIONS.

THOU SHALT NOT FEAR THINE OWN DEATH, NOR THE DEATHS OF OTHERS.



THOU SHALT NOT DEPLORE THE PEOPLE'S MISUNDERSTANDINGS.

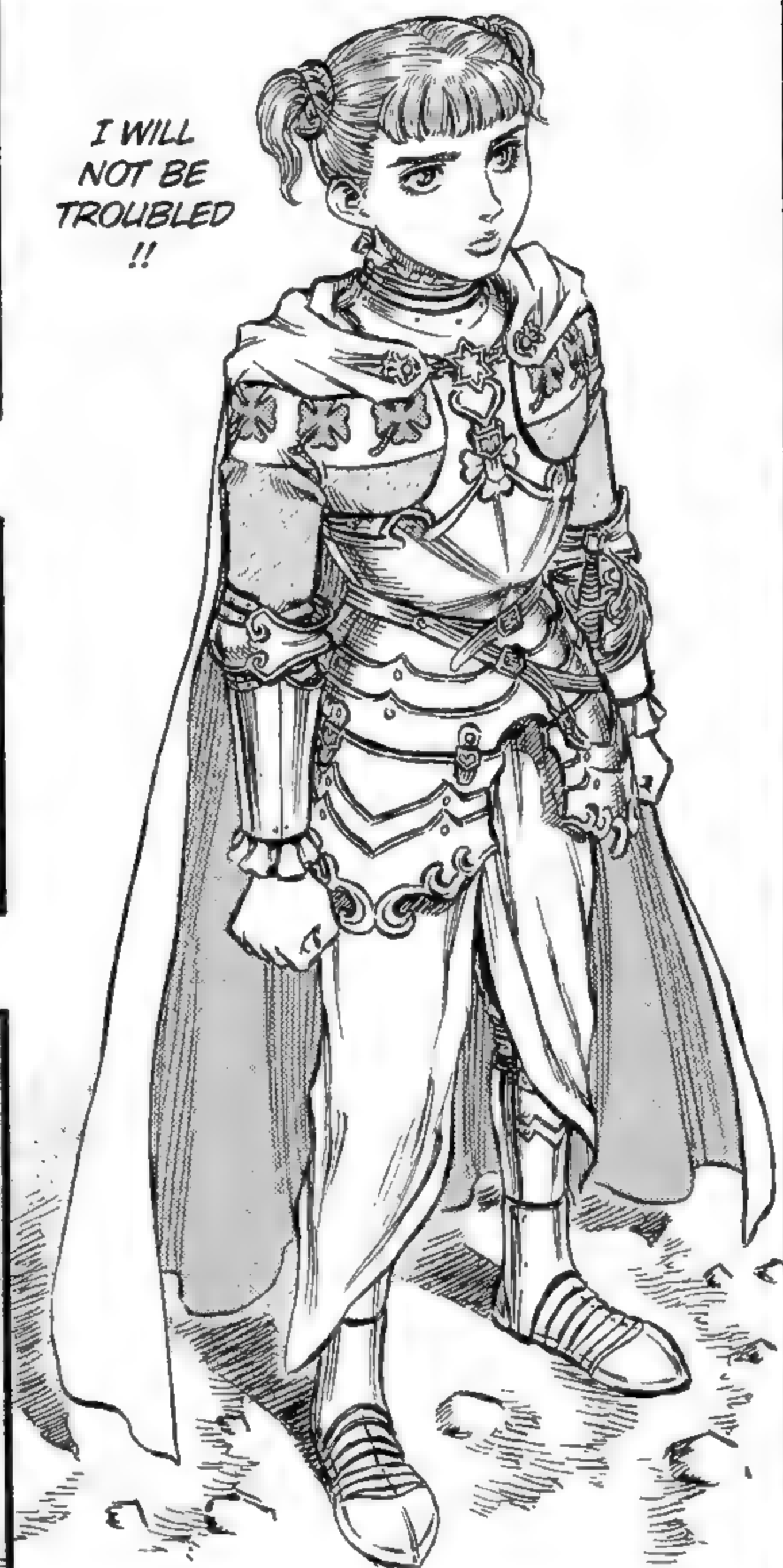
THOU SHALT NOT DEPLORE DISTRESSING DUTIES.

*FX: OO



I WILL NOT BE TROUBLED !!

*FX: WHISPER



WHATEVER BLOOD WE SPILL IN SPIRIT OR FLESH, AS MAN WE CONTINUE TO EXIST DEVOUTLY FOR GOD.

THOU SHALT NOT QUESTION GOD.

THAT IS WHAT FAITH IS ABOUT.





...LIKE
FATHER
LIKE SON?

DOES
THAT
MEAN...



YOU'RE
DADDY'S
A HERETIC,
ISN'T HE?

HEHEH...
LAD...



GIVE
THIS A
THROW.

HERE.

IF NOT,
YOU'LL
HAVE TO
PROVE
IT.



...YOU'LL
BE THE
NEXT ONE
TURNED IN.

IF YOU DON'T
THROW THIS
HERE AND
NOW...

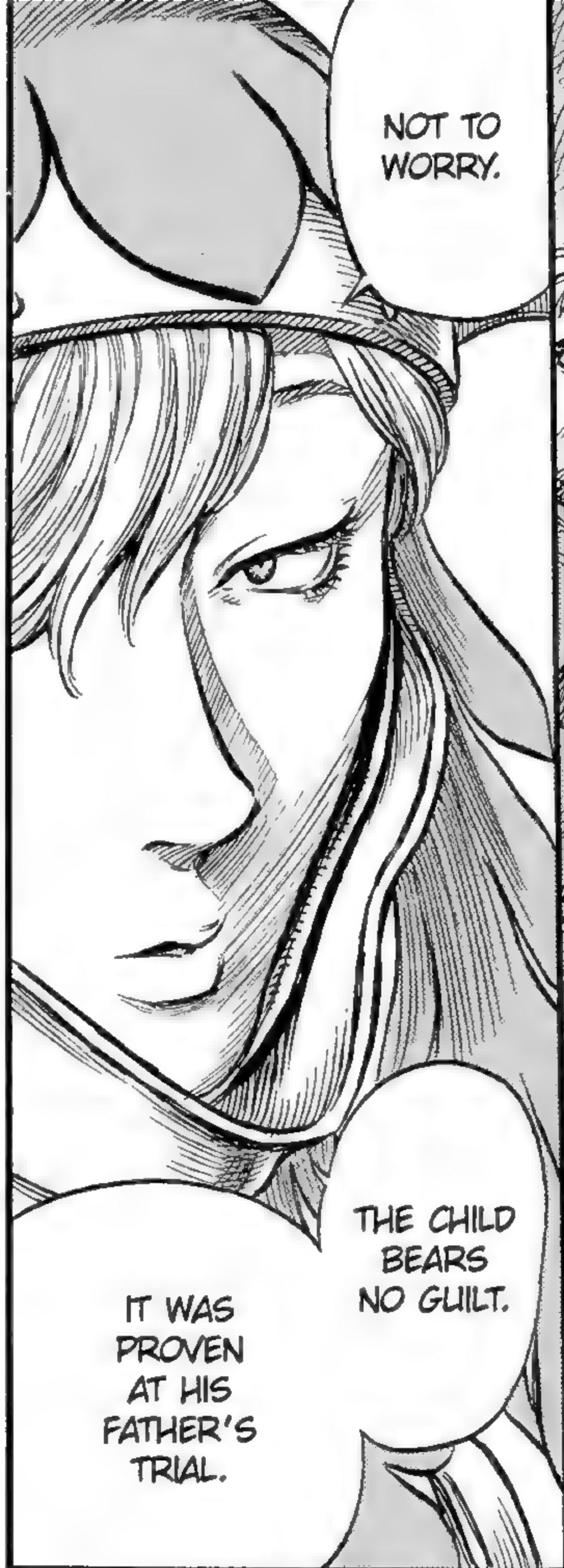
LOOK
AROUND AT
EVERYONE'S
EYES.

I'M
SAYIN'
THIS
OUT OF
KINDNESS.



I...

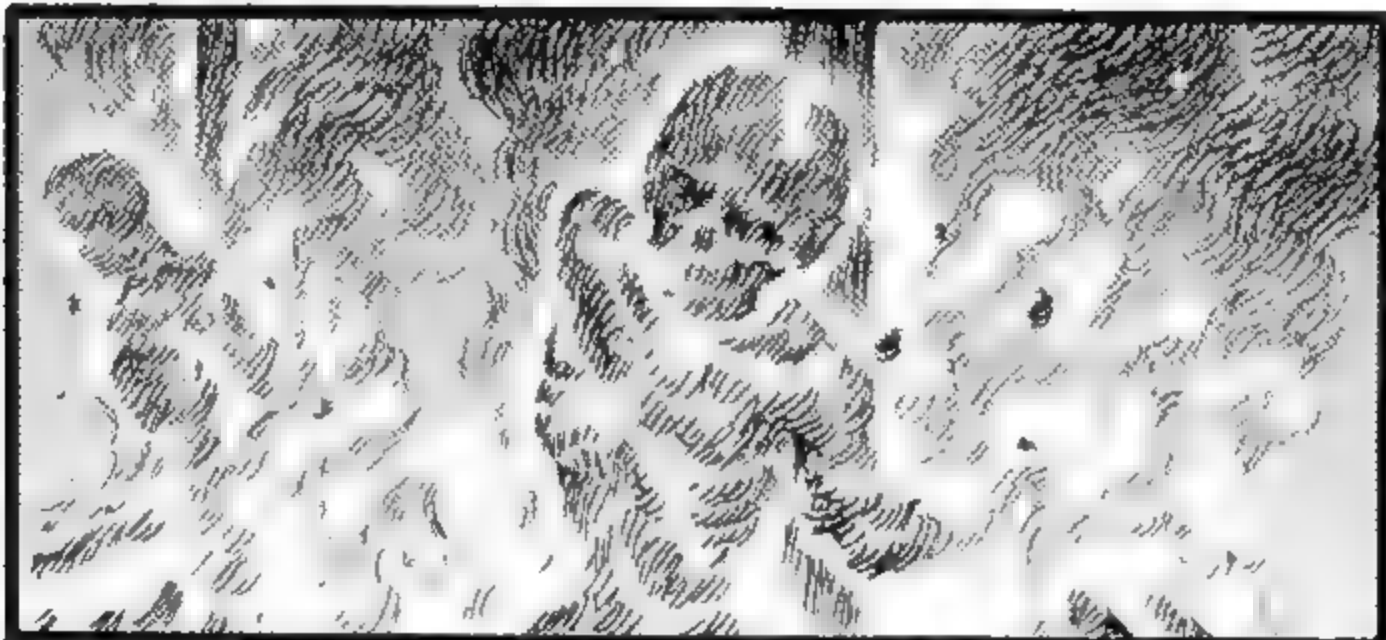
I...



*FX: GRIND



*FX: ROARRR

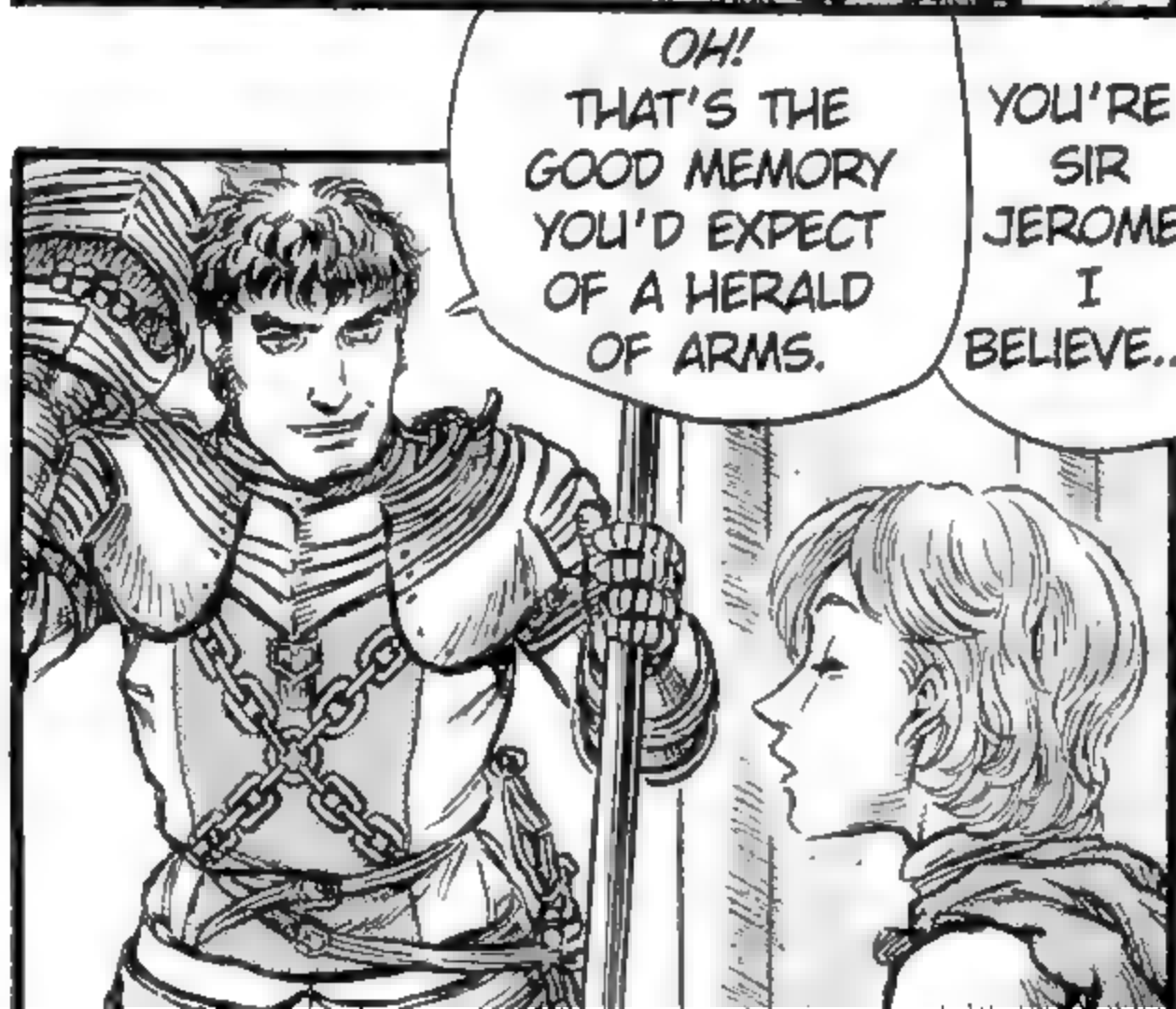
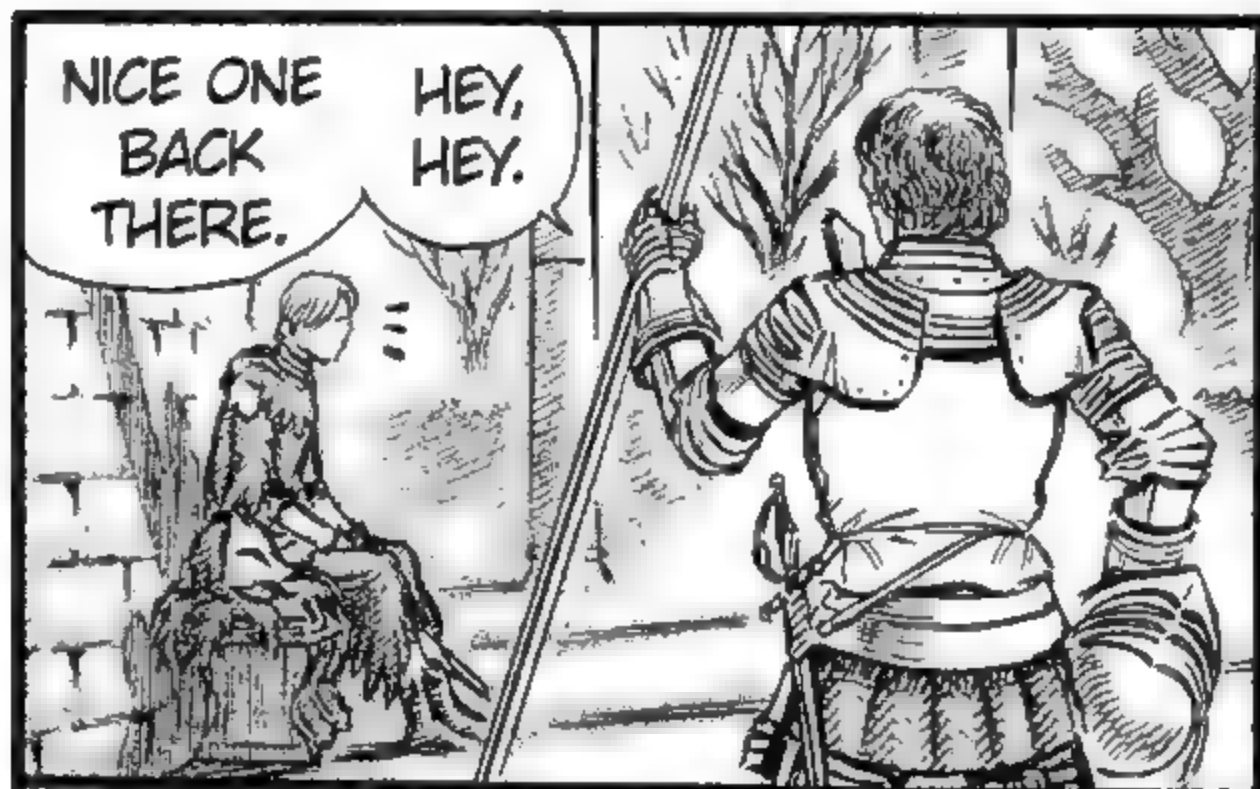
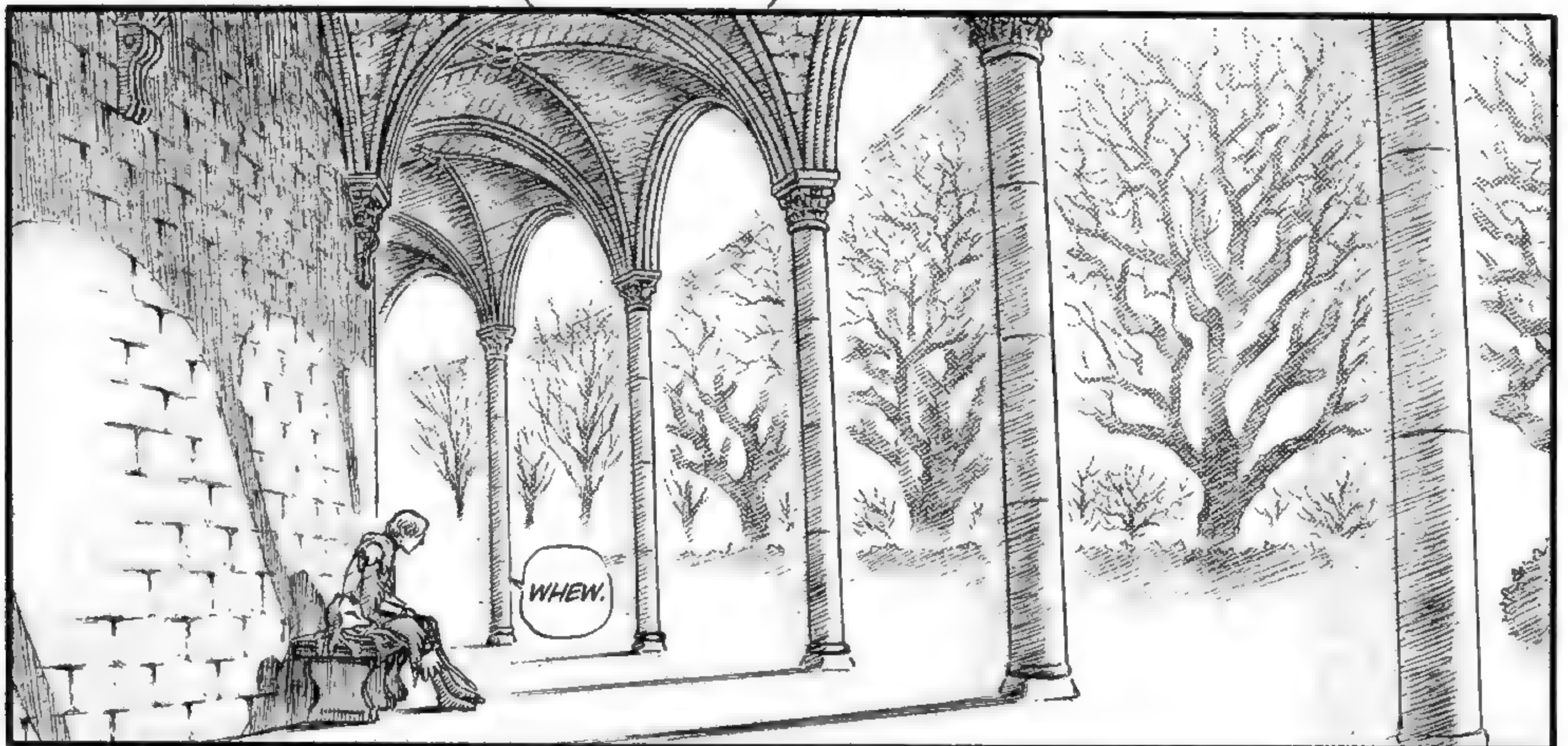


*FX: SWAY



I DO NOT FEEL WELL.







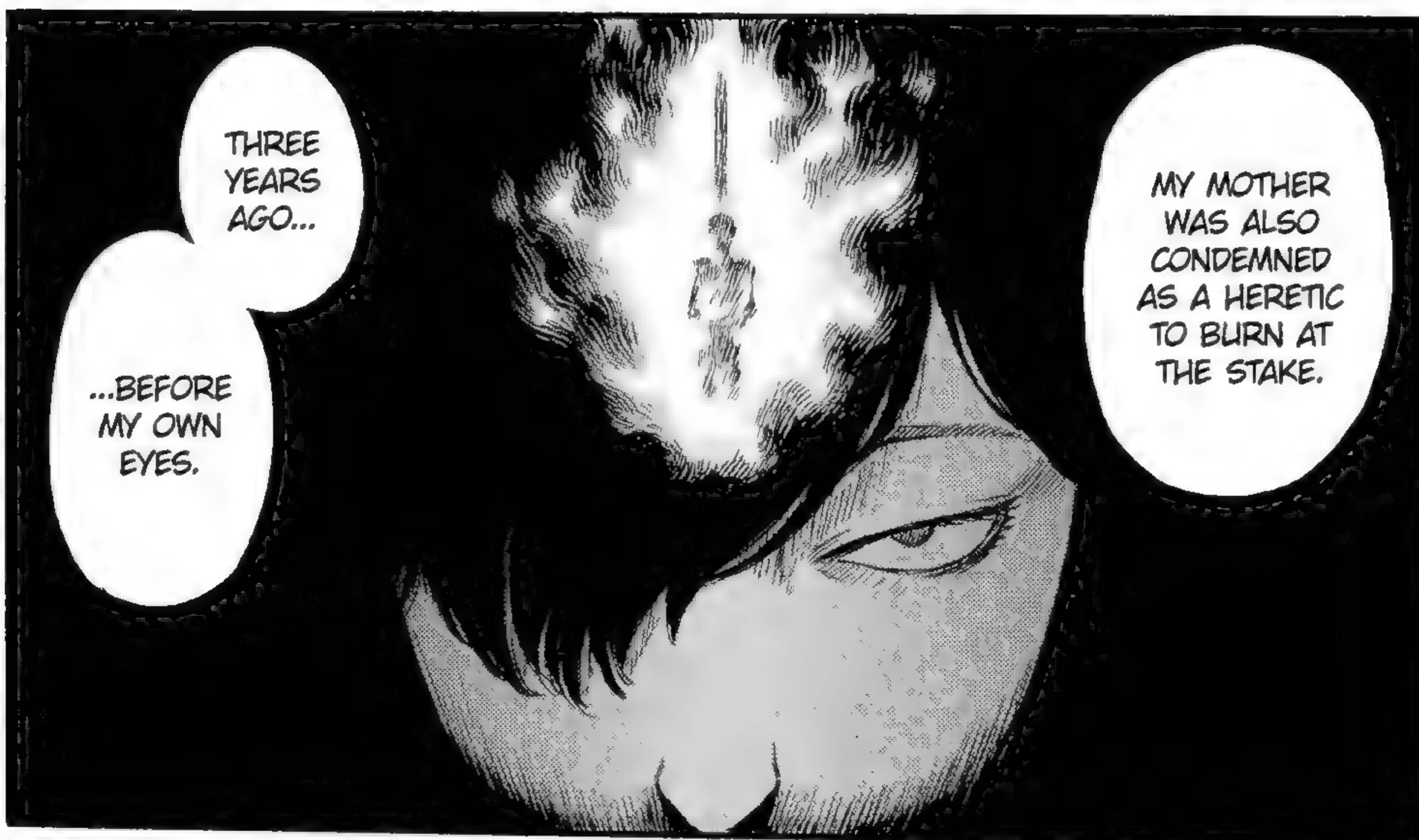


I AM
THE
SAME
AS THAT
BOY.



WHAT'S
THAT
SUPPOSED
TO
MEAN?

AHHH
...



THREE
YEARS
AGO...

...BEFORE
MY OWN
EYES.

MY MOTHER
WAS ALSO
CONDEMNED
AS A HERETIC
TO BURN AT
THE STAKE.



DO NOT
LET IT
BOTHER
YOU. IT
IS THE
TRUTH.

I MEAN,
I...

UHHH,
WELL...



SUDDENLY
BEHAVING
ARISTO-
CRATIC
DOES NOT
BECOME
YOU.

IT IS ALL
RIGHT,
THOUGH.

I SWEAR
NEVER TO
REVEAL THIS
TO ANYONE!
YOU HAVE
MY FORMAL
APOLOGY,
SIR
HERALD.

I'M SORRY!
I'VE A BAD
HABIT OF
TALKING TOO
MUCH WITHOUT
THINKING OF
OTHERS' FEEL-
INGS!



I HEAR
THAT
A LOT
FROM
THE
LADIES.

HEHEH
...



SERPI-
CO.



.....



MY, MY.

AH, YES,
AN EX-
CHANGE
...



HM...
OKAY.
I THINK
I'LL
GO FIND
MYSELF
A LADY
THEN.

I WILL BE
RETURNING
TO OUR
DUTY NOW.
THANKS
TO YOU
I FEEL
MUCH
BETTER.



YOU
CAN
KEEP
A SE-
CRET.

ARE YOU
SURE YOU
WANT TO
TELL YOUR
HERALD
THAT...?



YEAH,
TAKE
CARE.

SEE
YOU
LATER.

FAIR
ENOUGH,
BUT TAKE
IT EASY.



...BUT
THERE'S
A LOT
GOING ON
IN HIM.

I
THOUGHT
HE WAS
JUST HER
TOADY...



HMM
...

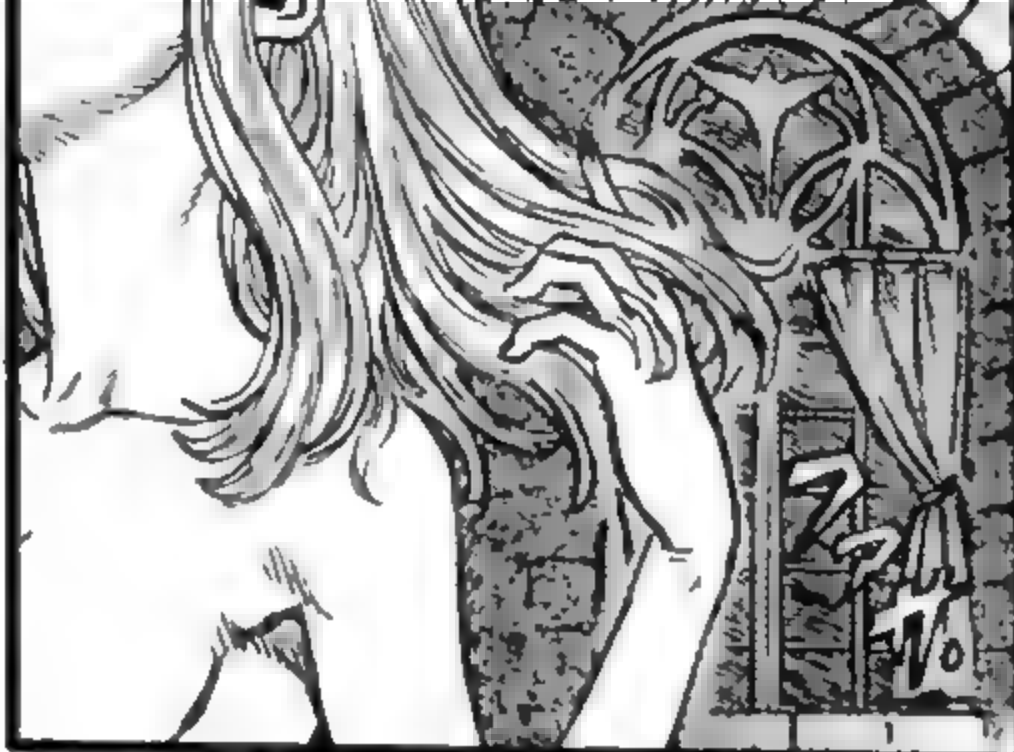
HE SAID
THREE
YEARS
AGO...?

IT
COULDN'T
BE...

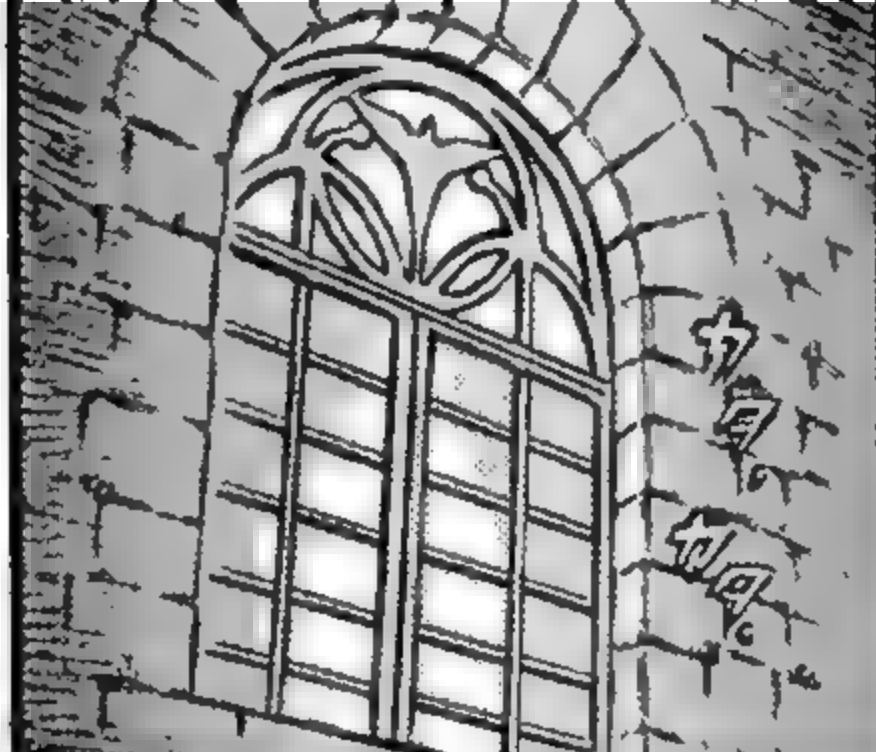


HN?

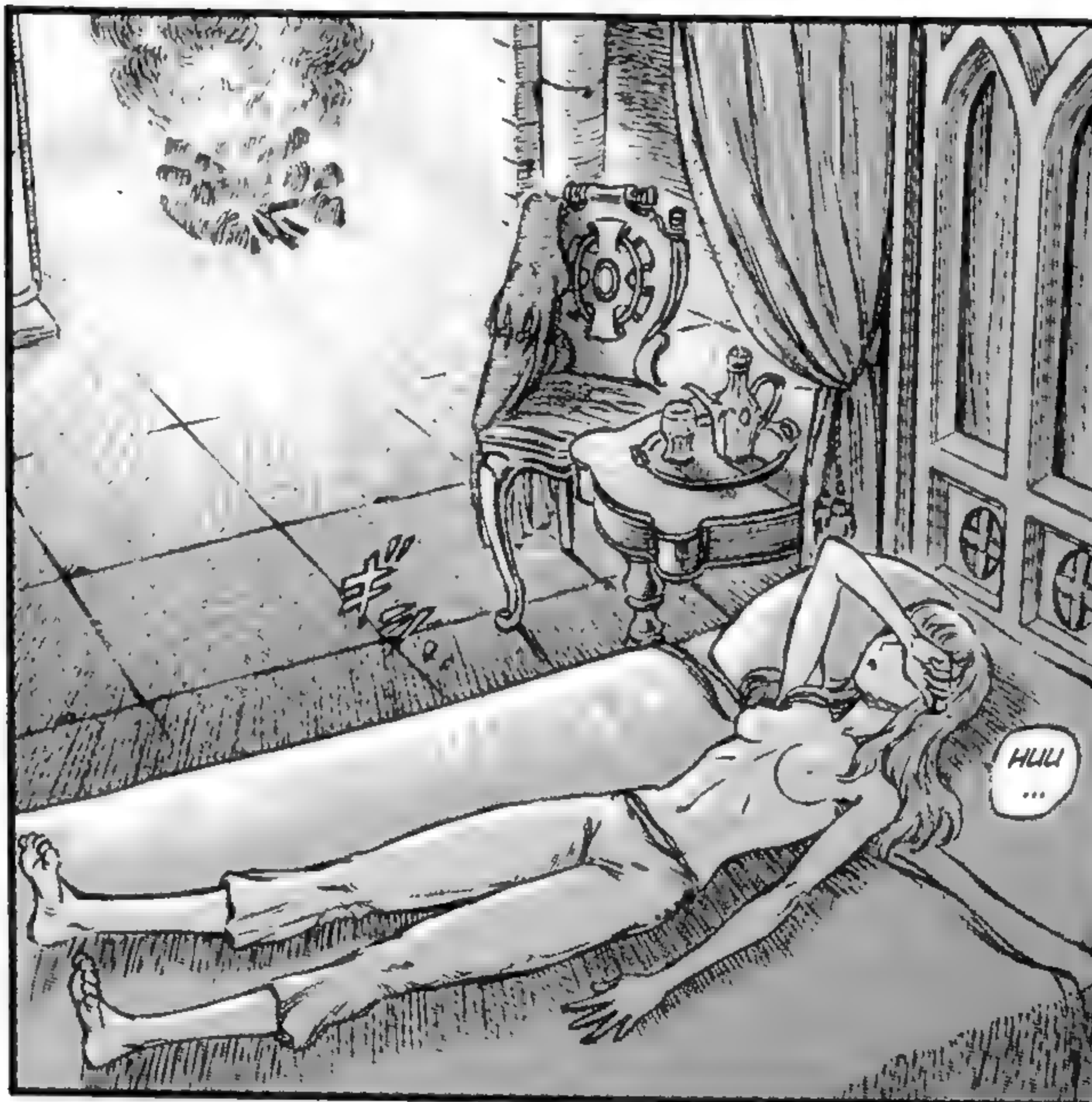
WAIT,
THOUGH.



*FX: FSSS



*FX: GTAK GTAK



*FX: GREESH

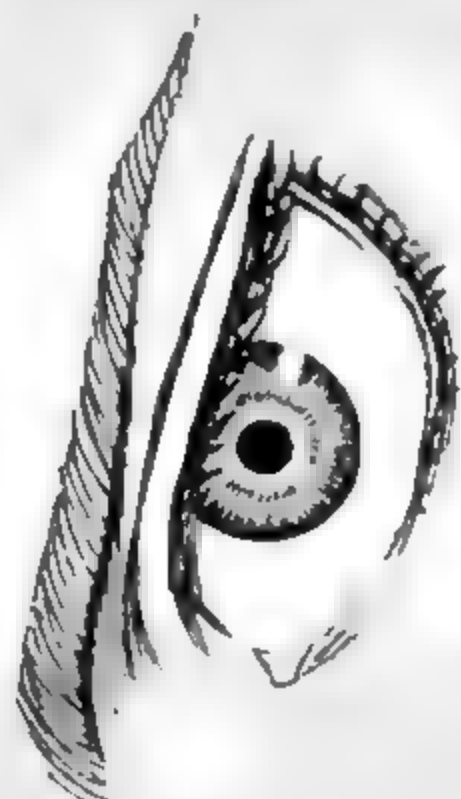


*FX: WHRRLLL



WHEN I STARE AT
THE FLAMES...

...I REMEMBER...

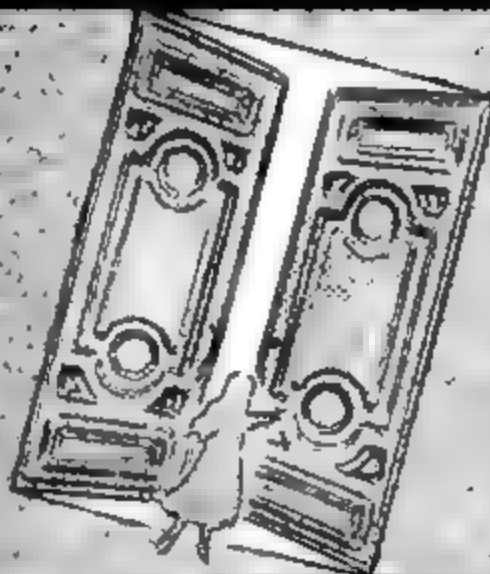




BEFORE I
KNEW IT, I WAS
DESCENDING
THE STAIRS,
AS IF LURED BY
THAT SOUND.

ROAR...
ROAR...

UNABLE
TO BEAR THE
DREADFULNESS...



THE
SOUND
WAS
DREADFUL...

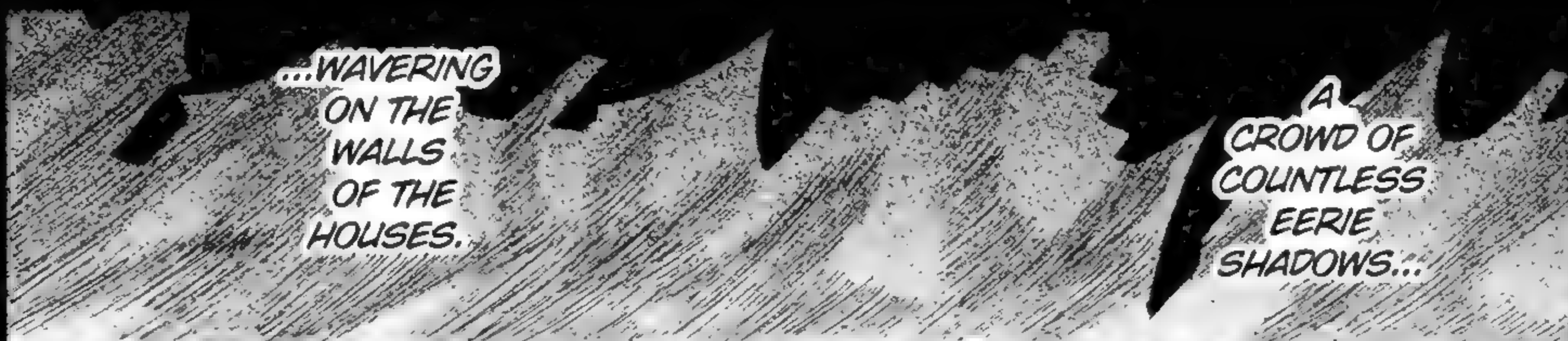
ROAR...
ROAR...

...I OPENED
THE DOOR.



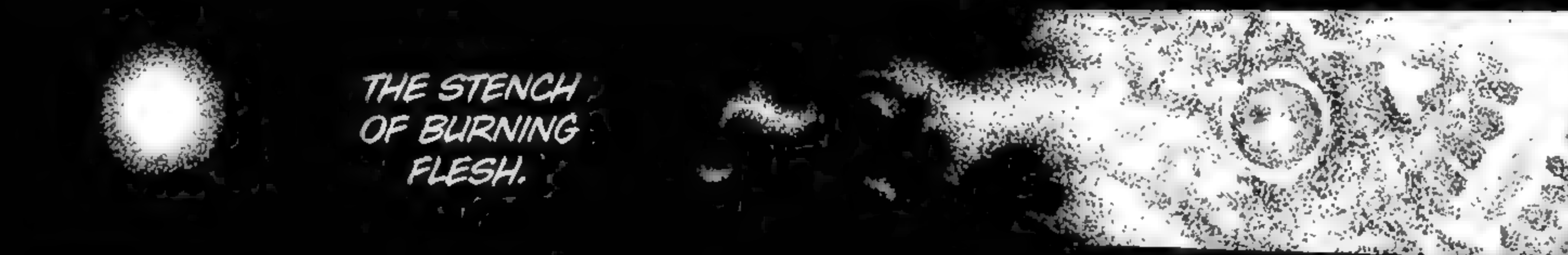
ROAR...

ROAR...

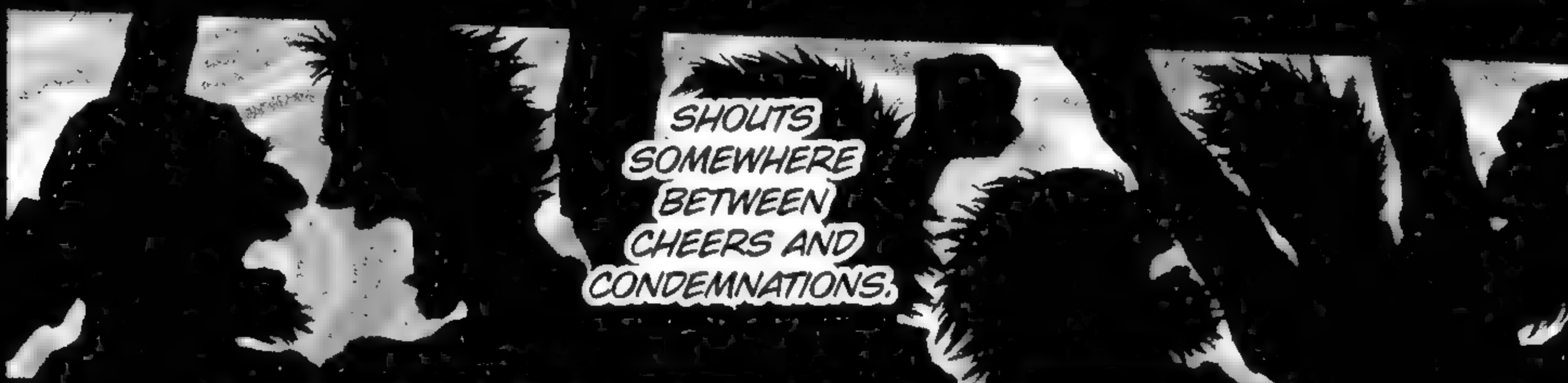


...WAVERING
ON THE
WALLS
OF THE
HOUSES.

A
CROWD OF
COUNTLESS
EERIE
SHADOWS...



THE STENCH
OF BURNING
FLESH.



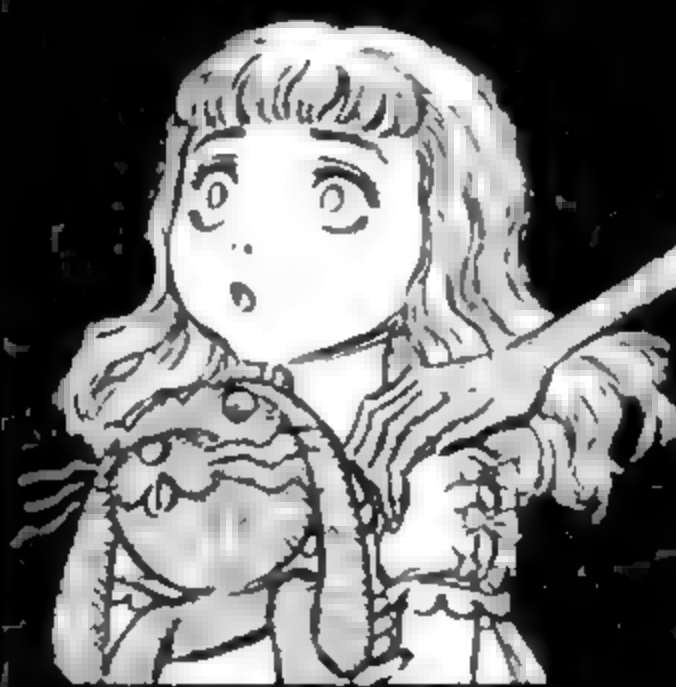
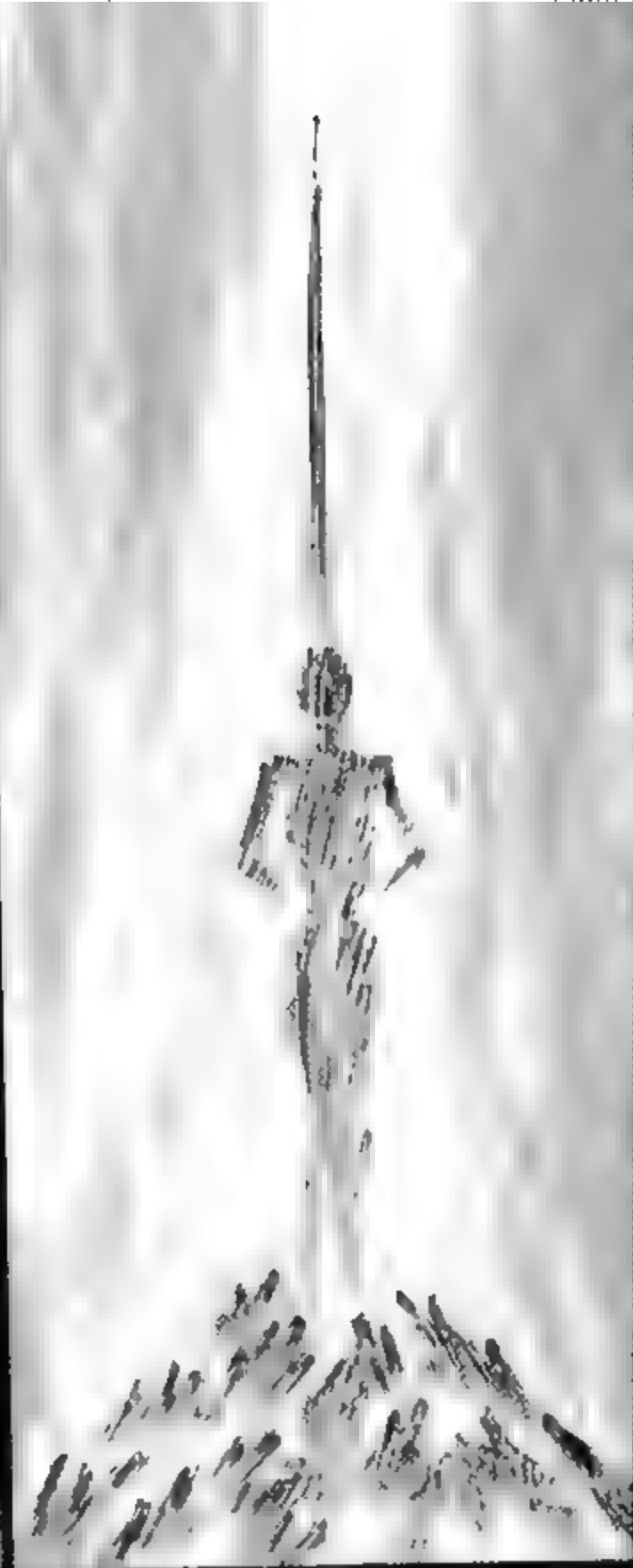
SHOUTS
SOMEWHERE
BETWEEN
CHEERS AND
CONDEMNATIONS.



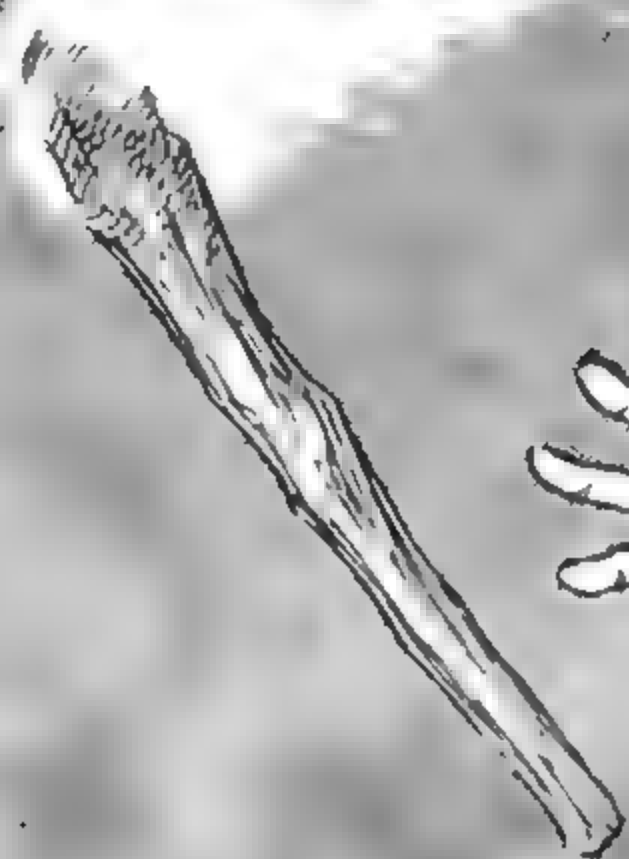
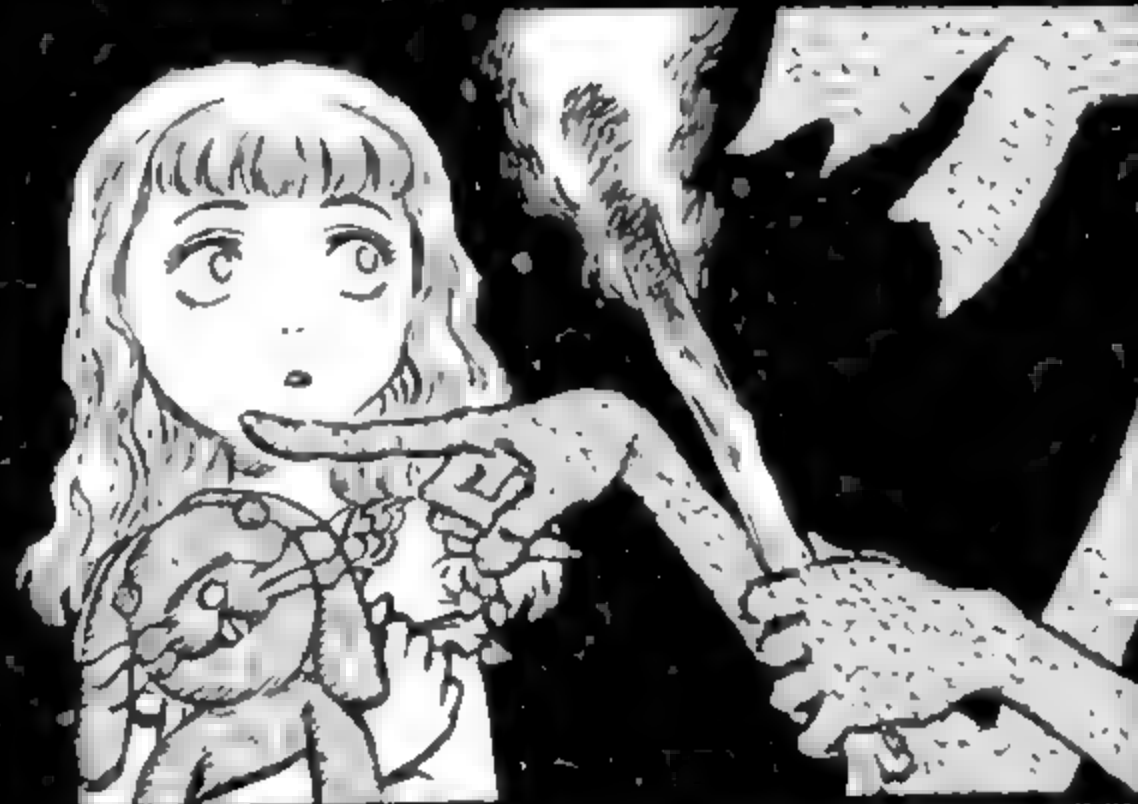


...OF THE
SKIN KNOWN
AS OUR
WORLD FROM
SECRETS
HIDDEN BY
THE NIGHT,
THERE
SURGES
TERROR.

I KNEW
THEN,
WHEN YOU
PEEL BACK
A THIN
LAYER...



SUDDENLY,
SOMEONE
HANDED ME
A TORCH.



...AND
THREW
IT RIGHT
AWAY.



I WAS
FRIGHTENED...

A STRANGE
THING
HAPPENED.

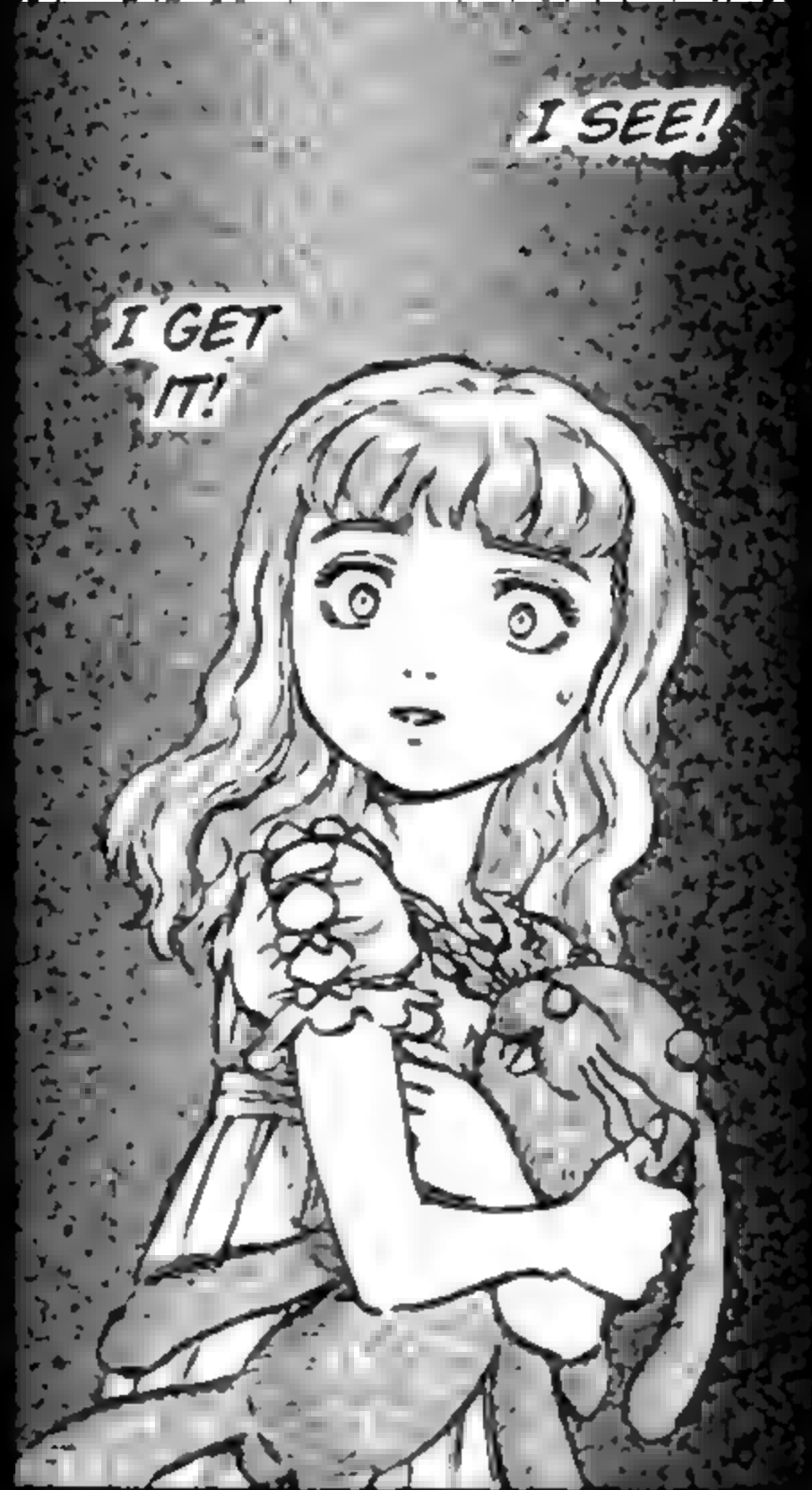


THE SHADOWS,
CORRESPONDING
TO THE TORCH
I'D THROWN,
SWAYED
ABOUT ALL
AT ONCE.



*UWOMM





I GET IT!

I SEE!



OH HH



ONE MORE.



...SO MANY TIMES...

I CAST THEM IN...

...THAT NIGHT.



AS IF DANCING.

AS IF TREMBLING.

EACH TIME, THE SHADOWS SWAYED.

...THE SHADOWS DANCE BEFORE IT.



WHEN I THROW IN ONE OF THESE...



...YOU LEAD
THEM...

I KNEW IT.
WHEN YOU
PEEL BACK
A THIN LAYER
OF THE SKIN
KNOWN AS
OUR WORLD,
THERE
SURGES
TERROR.

...BECOME
ONE OF
THEM...

IN
ORDER TO
ESCAPE
THAT
TERROR...

...AND DANCE.

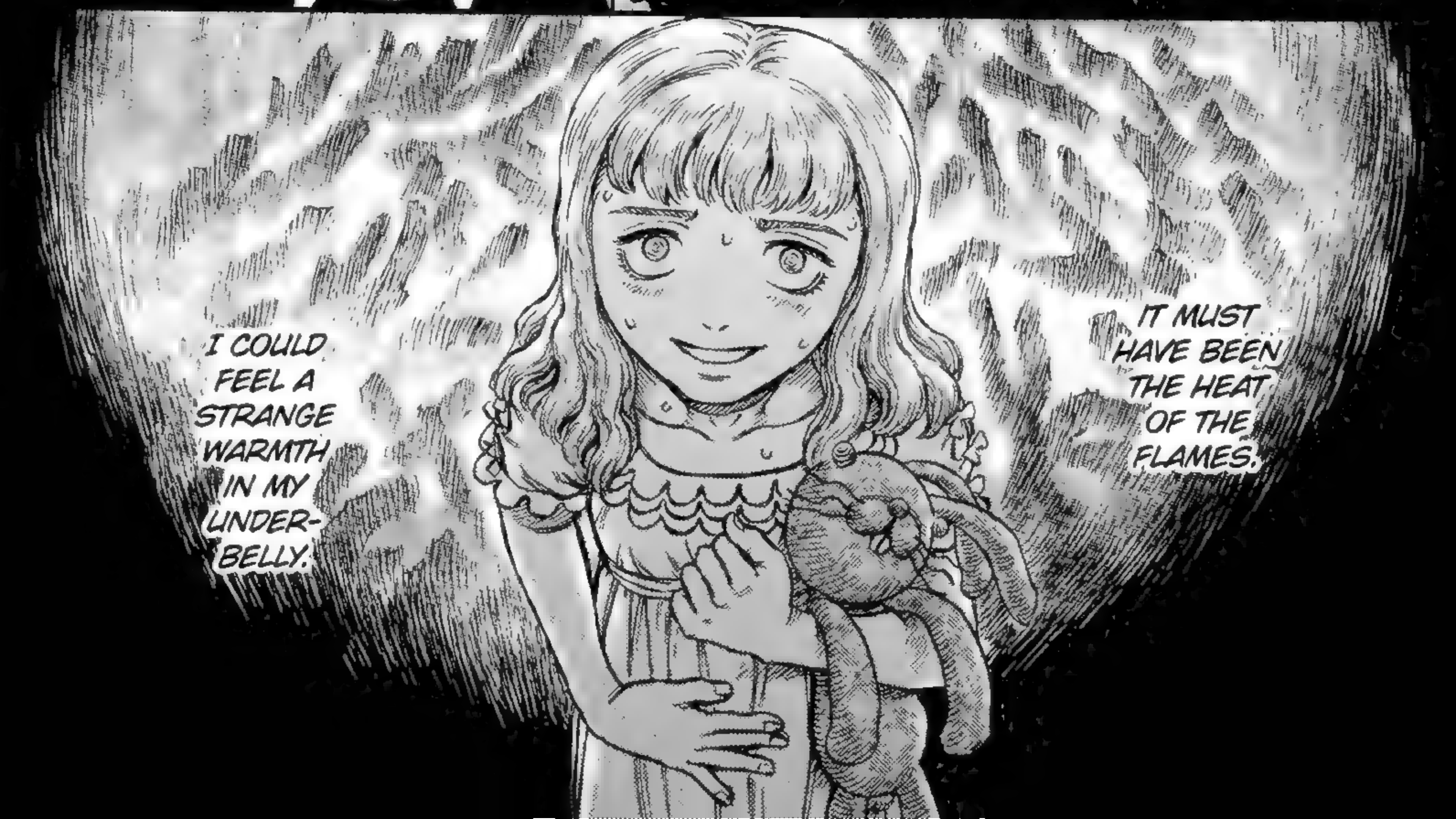


CHILD
OF
GREAT
FAITH.

WELL
DONE,
LITTLE
MISS.

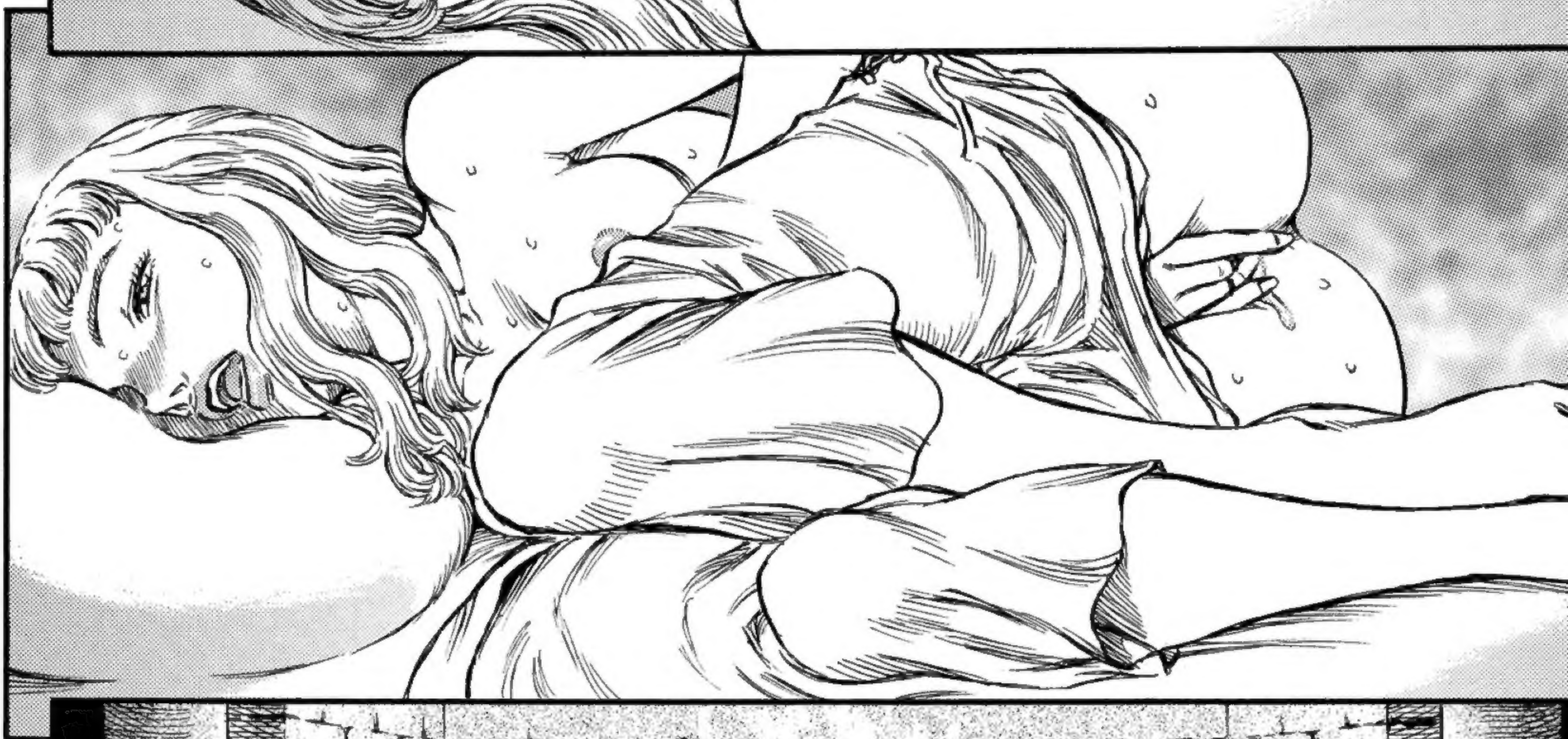
THE
LORD'S
BLESSING
UPON
THIS
GIRL.

A
BLESSING.

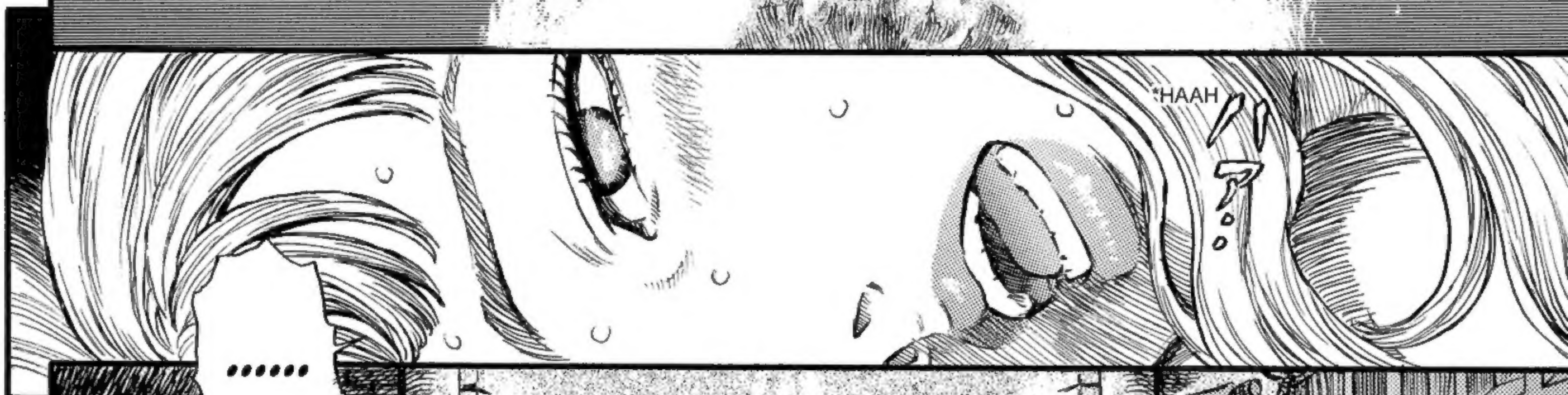


I COULD
FEEL A
STRANGE
WARMTH
IN MY
UNDER-
BELLY.

IT MUST
HAVE BEEN
THE HEAT
OF THE
FLAMES.



*FX: POCH

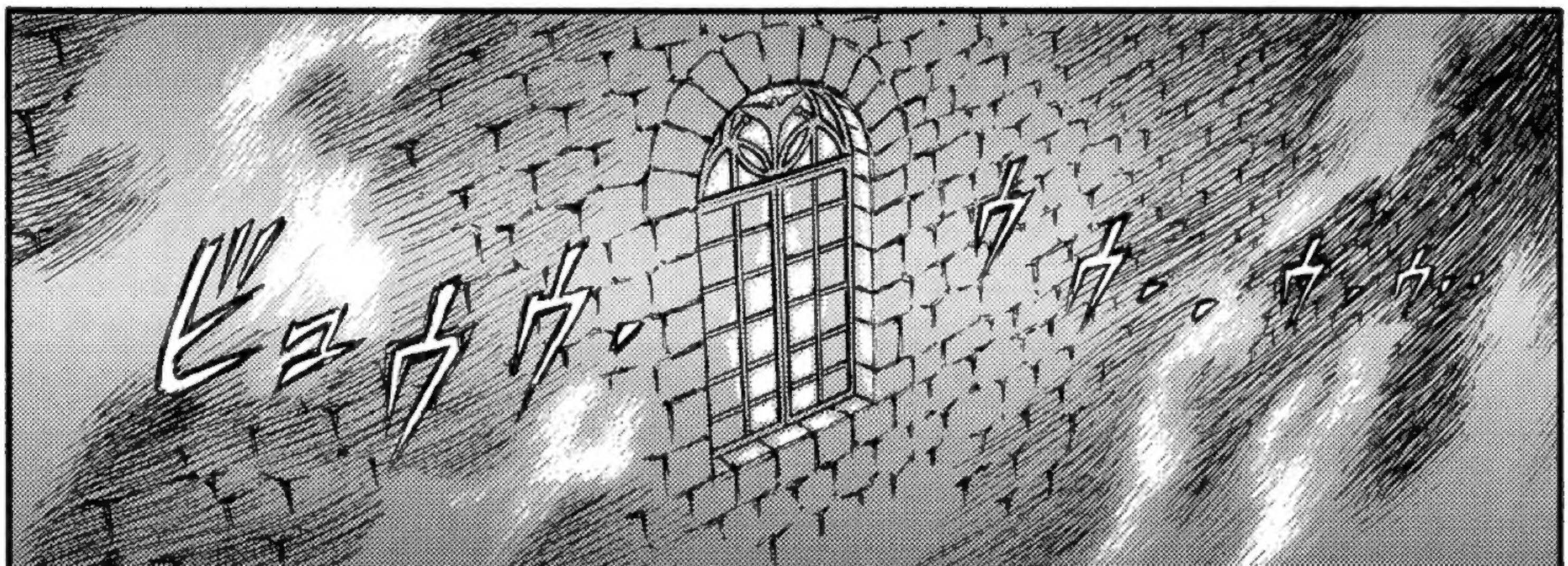




...IN THE
WRONG.

I'M NOT...

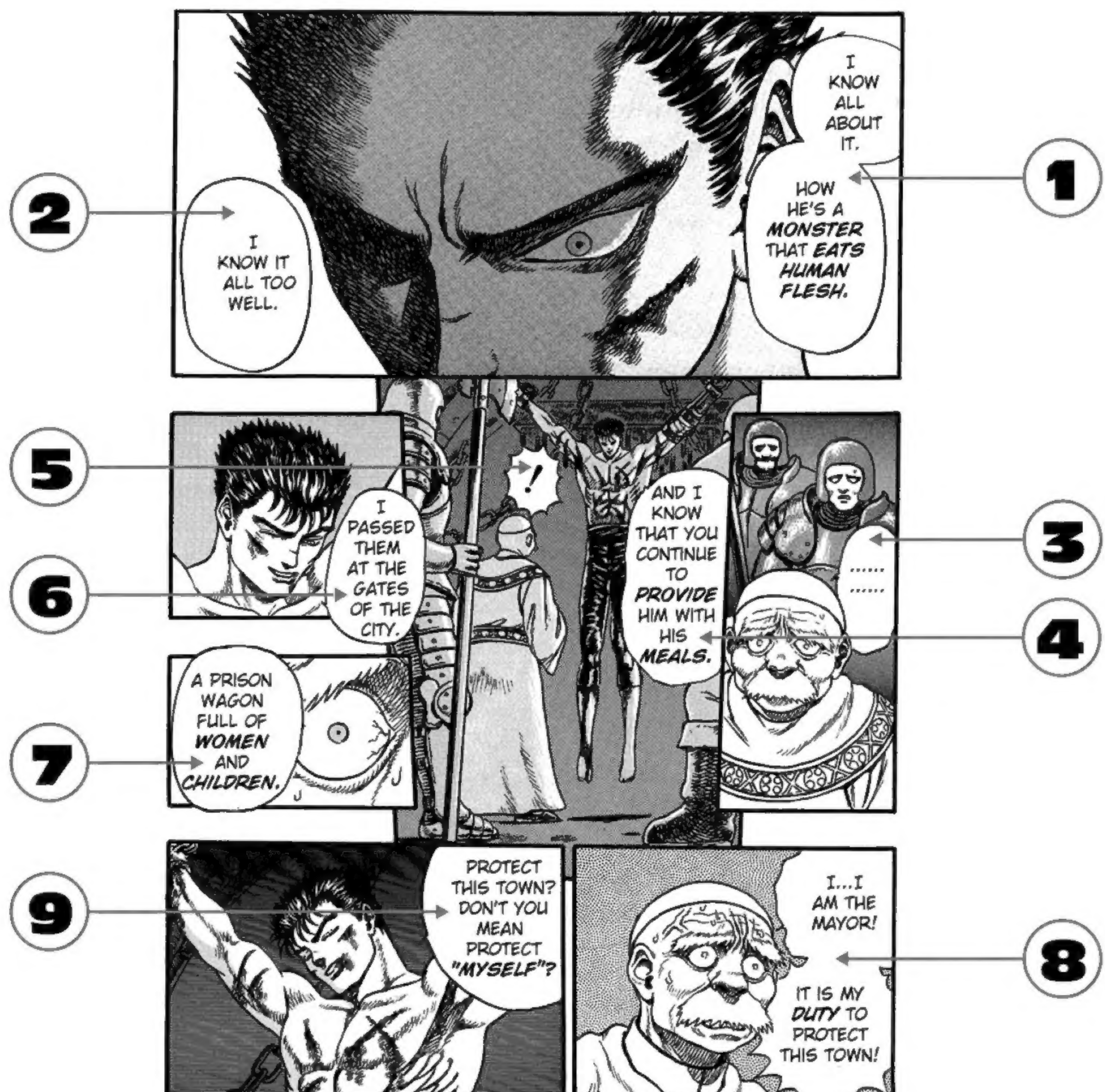
*FX: WHRRLLLL



! STOP

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